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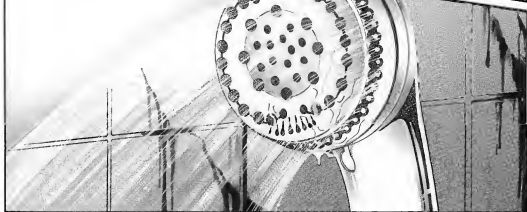
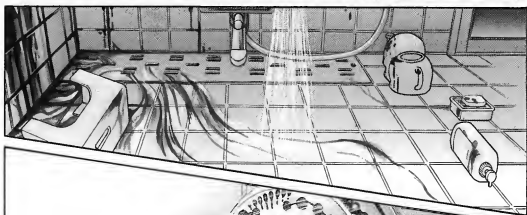
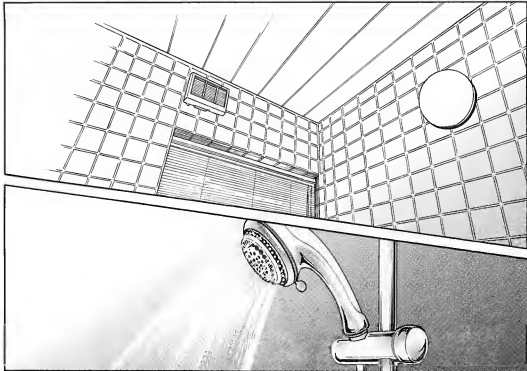
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DINNER?

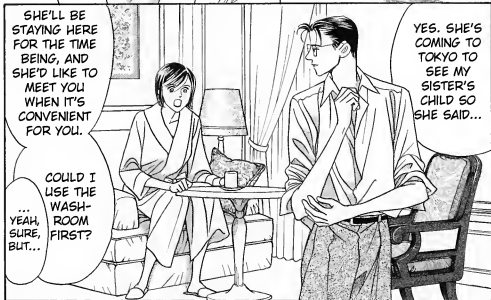
WITH
YOUR
MOTHER?

SHE'LL BE
STAYING HERE
FOR THE TIME
BEING, AND
SHE'D LIKE TO
MEET YOU
WHEN IT'S
CONVENIENT
FOR YOU.

YES. SHE'S
COMING TO
TOKYO TO
SEE MY
SISTER'S
CHILD SO
SHE SAID...

COULD I
USE THE
WASH-
ROOM
FIRST?

...
YEAH,
SURE,
BUT...



WELL...

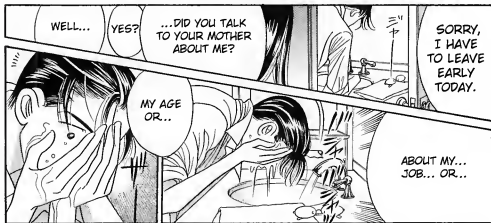
YES?

...DID YOU TALK
TO YOUR MOTHER
ABOUT ME?

SORRY,
I HAVE
TO LEAVE
EARLY
TODAY.

MY AGE
OR...

ABOUT MY...
JOB... OR...

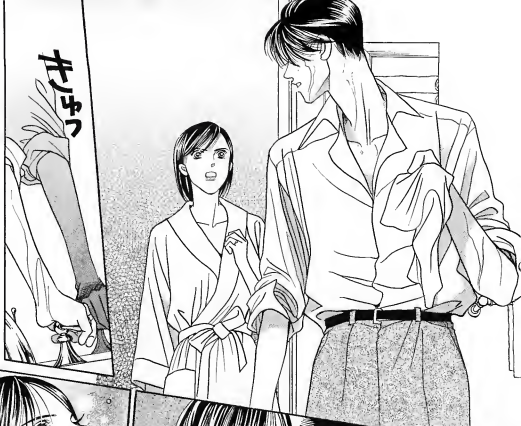


...WOULD PROBABLY HATE
IT AFTER ALL... THAT HER
24 YEARS OLD ELITE SON
CHOSE A FULL TWELVE
YEARS OLDER WOMAN
SMELLING LIKE CORPSES
AS A PARTNER.

I MEAN
NORMALLY
A MOTHER
...

JUST
...

I'M
PROBABLY
JUST
WORRYING
AS MUCH
AS ANYONE...



WHAT
ARE YOU
SAYING?

I WANT HER TO
GET TO KNOW
YOU, NOT
YOUR AGE OR
PROFESSION.

THAT'S WHY
I WANT YOU
TO MEET HER
SOON,

SHE'LL LIKE
YOU FOR
SURE!

IT'S OK
IF IT'S YOU,
YUKIKO-SAN!

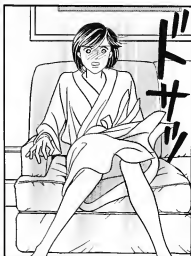


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かし

SORRY,
JUST COULD
YOU SPECIFY
A DATE THAT
SUITS YOU?



It's
alright,



AH!



If it's you,
it'll be fine,
Yukiko! He'll
like you for
sure!



He's kind
of difficult
but he's a
good guy!
He's called
Maki.





'THERE ARE NO TRACES OF AN OUTSIDE INTRUSION.'

COME TO MY OFFICE LATER.

EX-
CUSE ME, CHIEF!

YE...
YES...

GOOSEBOUMPS

... WELL,

IT'S FINE FOR NOW.

SIMPLY SPEAKING, YES.

-SO YOU MEAN IT'S AN ACT OF SOMEONE ON THE INSIDE?

I ALSO EXCLUDED ANY BUGS OR HIDDEN CAMERAS.

I RECHECKED THE SECURITY DEVICES, THEY'RE ALL WORKING FLAWLESSLY.

THAT INFORMATION LEAK?

'THE NINTH'S MAIN COMPUTER IS CONNECTED TO THE NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY AND METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, IT'S POSSIBLE TO OVERSEE AND MONITOR THE STATE OF THE INVESTIGATION FROM THESE TWO PLACES.

TO INFRINGE ON 'THE NINTH'S' RIGHT TO CONDUCT THE INVESTIGATION INDEPENDENTLY IS STRICTLY—

...! BUT THAT'S ONLY IN SPECIAL CASES LIKE THE NINTH FALLING INTO MALFUNCTION, AND NORMALLY IT'S FORBIDDEN EVEN FOR THE DIRECTOR TO VIEW THE DETAILS OF THE INVESTIGATION ON HIS OWN JUDGEMENT.

UPON BROWSING
A TRACE IS LEFT
IN OUR SYSTEM.
THE INTRUDER
MUST'VE BEEN
AWARE OF THAT
BUT...

TWICE—
I STILL DON'T
KNOW WHERE
FROM, BUT
WE'VE BEEN
INTRUDED ON
TWICE.

STRICTLY
...

.....

NONETHELESS
THEY TRIED.
STRANGELY, THE
FIRST ATTEMPT
WAS A FAILURE.
WHY DO YOU
THINK THAT IS,
MAKI-SAN?



THE
PASSWORD,

IT WAS
OLD.

A
ghost...

IT'S FROM BEFORE
THE KAINUMA CASE,
BEFORE OKABE-SAN
OR SOGA AND
KOIKE... BEFORE ANY
OF THE CURRENT
MEMBERS JOINED.

FROM
THE YEAR
2058-2059
WAS USED.

Papyrus



IT'S FROM
THE TIME
SUZUKI-SAN AND
THE OTHERS
WERE STILL
ALIVE.

MAKI-SAN...!

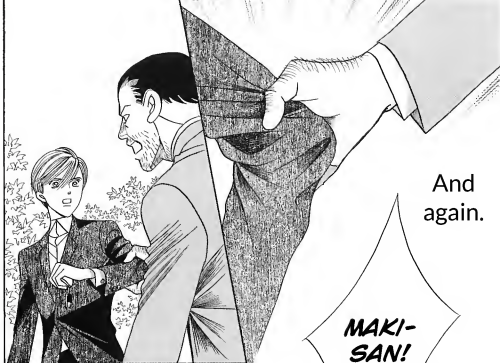
A ghost
is trying
to crush
my heart
...

Again,

MAKI-SAN!

...!

And
again,



And
again.

**MAKI-
SAN!**



WHERE
ARE
YOU
GOING?

WHAT ARE
YOU GONNA
DO? WHY DO
YOU HAVE
THAT KEY?



DO YOU
HEAR
ME?



ARE YOU
GONNA
JUST DRIVE
AWAY BY
YOURSELF?

I'M
FINE
...



CHECK? CHECK WHAT?
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE
GOING TO THE NATIONAL
POLICE AGENCY...
ANYWAY I'LL DRIVE SO...

IT'S FINE—
I JUST HAVE
SOMETHING
I HAVE TO
CHECK...

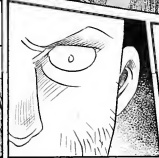


IT'S
MY
OWN
CAR!
DON'T
FOLLOW
ME!



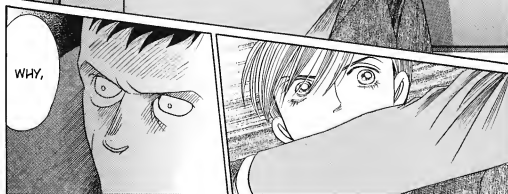
Clack!

Be
beep!



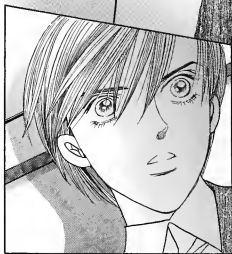


WHY,





...DO YOU
THINK
I'M GONNA
ALWAYS
OBEY EVERY
WORD YOU SAY
SILENTLY...?!

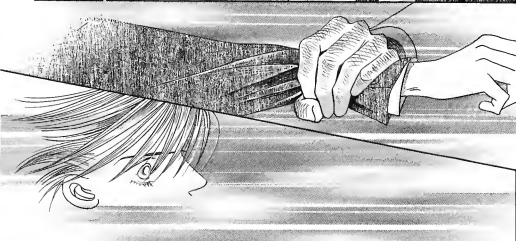
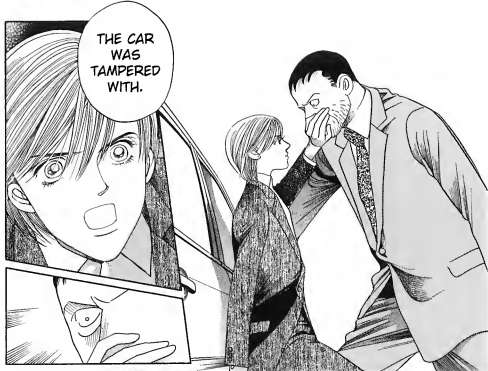


THEN WHY
ARE YOU...

YOU TOLD ME TO
'HAVE SOME
MORE TRUST
IN MY SUB-
ORDINATES'
YOURSELF,
RIGHT?

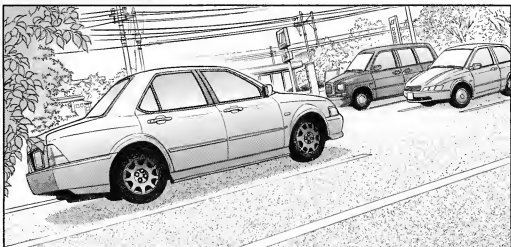


NEVER
TRUSTING
ME
WITH...





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AH, HE'S A
MEMBER OF
'THE NINTH',
LET HIM IN.

IMAI-
SAN!!

.....

AN ID
PLEASE!



HE'S FINE,
HE'S JUST
SLEEPING
AFTER A
SEDATIVE.

THAT
SHOULD
BE
ENOUGH.

HE'LL BE EXAMINED, AND IF THERE ARE NO ABNORMALITIES HE'LL BE FINE TO GET BACK TO INVESTIGATION RIGHT AWAY. OKABE-SAN ONLY HAD MINOR INJURY TO HIS HAND,

T...
That's...

APART FROM SLIGHT SUFFOCATION AFTER BEING SQUASHED UNDER OKABE-SAN, HE HAS NO EXTERNAL INJURIES.

WAS HE INJURED ?

AND NOW HE'S TAKING PART IN INSPECTING THE CRIME SCENE BY HIS OWN WISH.

DESPITE THE SCALE OF THE EXPLOSION, THANKFULLY THERE ARE NO CASUALTIES.

KEEP OUT
KEEP OUT

JUST WHAT...

WHAT ON
EARTH IS
THIS?

BEFORE,

...BUT
FOR
SOME-
ONE TO
PLANT
EXPLO-
SIVES
IN HIS
CAR
IS...!!

IT WAS
SCATTERING
ANIMAL
REMAINS OR
BREAKING
WINDOW
GLASS
AT MOST
THOUGH...

MAKI SAN WAS
SAYING THAT HE
WAS BEING
INTIMIDATED,
IMAI-SAN... THAT
HE WAS TARGETED
WITH THREATS.

REGARDING THE
BREAK INTO OUR
COMPUTER, UNO IS
ALREADY TAKING
COUNTER-
MEASURES...


11°

IMAI-
SAN!

IS THIS
CONNECTED
TO THE
INFORMATION
LEAK?








IF THE RANGE IS SMALL, IT'S THE FRACTION THAT WANTS TO INFLICT LETHAL DAMAGE AND CUT OFF JUST MY HEAD TO LATER EXTRACT NECESSARY MRI DATA FROM MY BRAIN.

IF THE BOMB'S DESTRUCTION RANGE IS BIG IT'S THE FRACTION THAT WANTS TO OBLITERATE THE SECRETS ALONG WITH ME.



SINCE THIS TIME IT WAS A BIG SCALE, IT'S THE 'OBLITERATE' ONE.



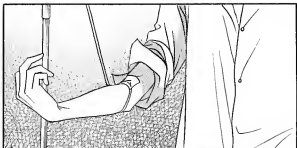
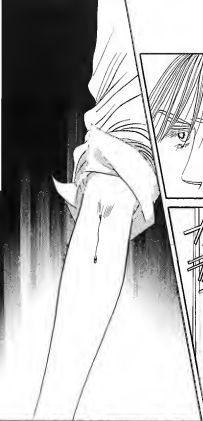
THAT THEY'VE ...



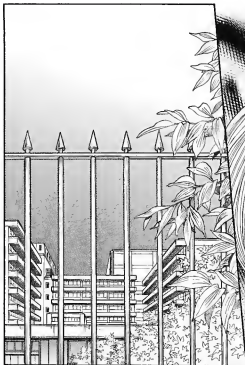
MAKI-SAN!

OR A GREETING... THAT INFORMATION LEAK TOO.

BUT FOR THEM, IT WAS QUITE SLOPPY, SO IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN MERELY A WARNING—



CAME BACK
FROM THAT
WORLD.





'In the first place.'

You should have a professional bodyguard assigned to you in the first place, but because you opposed, we have to...



No way! Just how many times do you think Okabe-san told me not to leave you alone?

You wait here.



And just now, I took you by surprise too!

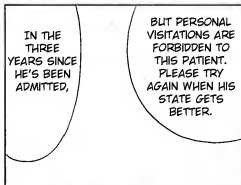
I managed to shake you off multiple times on the way.



I don't want you to follow me.

It's private.







I JUST WANT
TO MAKE SURE.

Psychiatric Closed
Ward

THAT HE
REALLY IS...

IN THIS
BUILDING.



CONFINED
HERE.

THAT HE'S
PROPERLY...

7"
7"
7"

力
干

title
from Miyoshi Yukiko

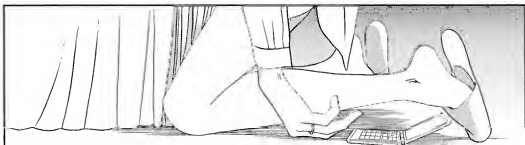
A day that suits me... Maybe the
third Sunday of June, 18th!
I want to go to beauty salon
before that, and cut my hair!

Yukiko



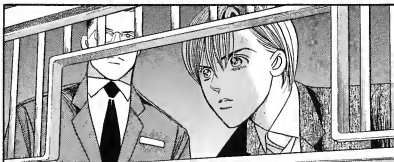
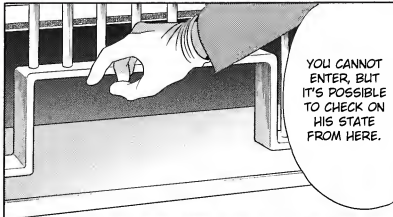
WILL I BE
ALRIGHT...

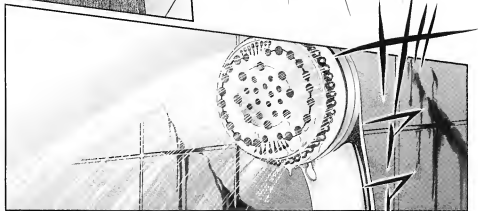
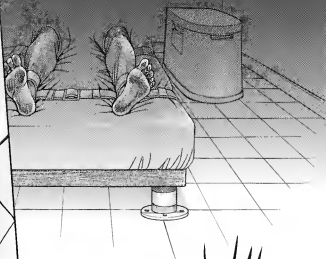
I
WONDER.

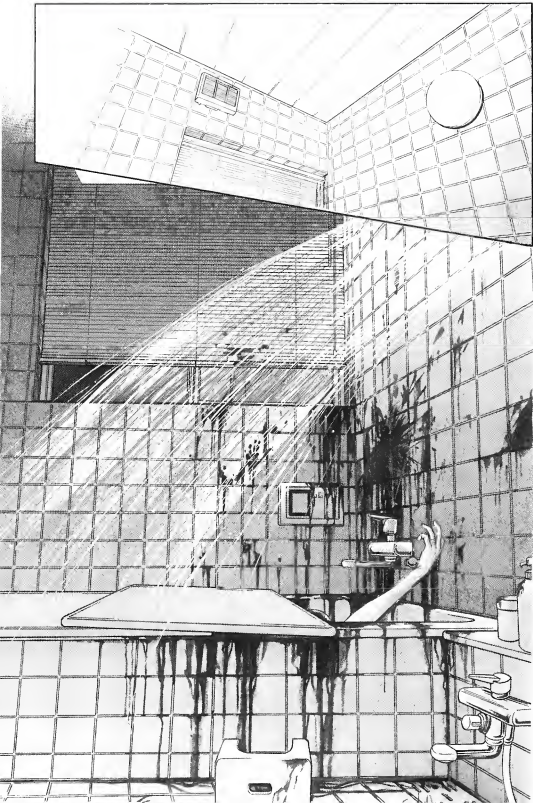


IT'S
HERE.











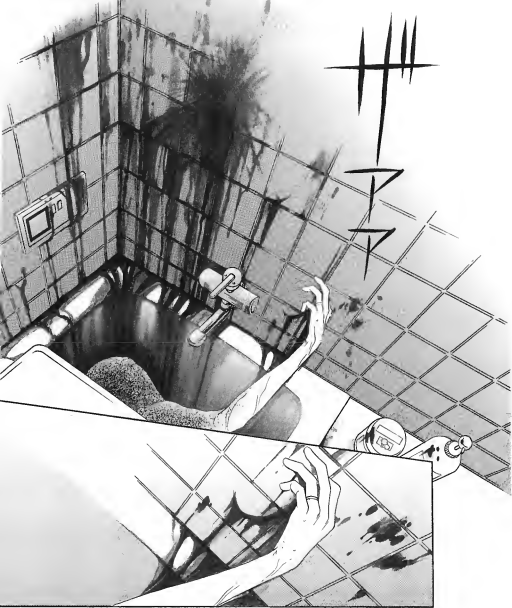
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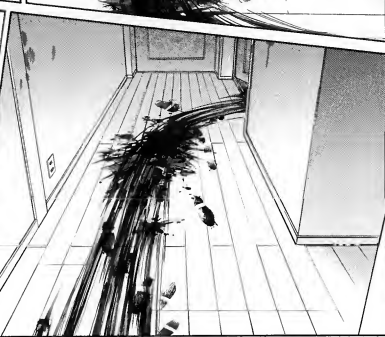
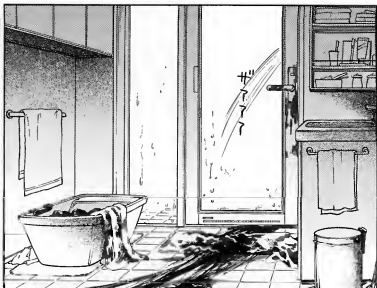
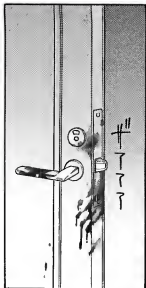
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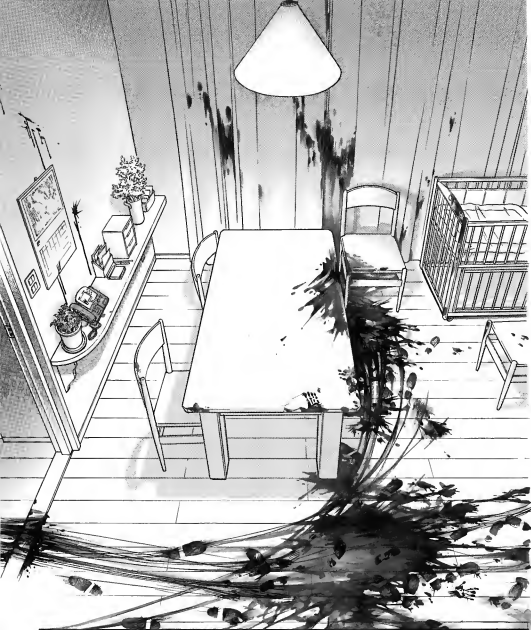
最後の晩餐

The Last Supper

THE TOP SECRET







HUHU, A DINNER
WITH HIS MOTHER
ON 18TH?

SHE'S COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT! OUR
TASTES AND ALL!
MY MOM WEARS
SWEATPANTS ALL
YEAR!

HEY, WHAT DO YOU
THINK WILL BE
GOOD? YOU THINK I
SHOULD WEAR
KIMONO AFTER
ALL?

NO, GIVE
IT UP
WITH THE
KIMONO,
YOU'RE
WORKING
YOURSELF
UP TOO
MUCH, AND
IT PULLS
TOO MUCH
ATTENTION

YES,
THAT'S
RIGHT!

ISN'T THAT NICE?
IT'S HIGH TIME...
AH, BUT I SAW
AOKI-SAN'S
MOTHER ONCE
LONG TIME AGO—
SHE'S ALWAYS
WEARING KIMONO
AND HAS THAT
UPTIGHT FEELING
ABOUT HER...

Thank you for
taking care of my son.

Aoki gave up
his free day.

BUT I DON'T
WANNA LOOK
LIKE I'M
PICKING A
FIGHT ON
OUR FIRST
MEETING!

...What
kind of
clothes
do you
have...?

ISN'T IT FINE WITH YOUR
REGULAR INTIMIDATING
STYLE? YOU'RE BOUND
TO SHOW YOUR TRUE
COLORS SOMEDAY
ANYWAY, SO THERE'S
NO POINT IN MAKING
UP APPEARANCES...

DOCTOR,

AAH, IT'S
A DRAG...
THAT'S WHY
SOMETHING
MORE
TONED
DOWN IS...

AH,
NOTHING,
JUST
THAT
MAN
KEPT
STARING
AT YOU
...

EH?

MM,
RIGHT~

WHY?

Whoa, that's
pretty what
a rip-off!

THEY
WON'T!

AND WHAT IF
AOKI-SAN'S FAMILY
IS IN FACT SOME
REAL BIG DEAL
IN KYUSHU'S
FINANCIAL WORLD
AND THEY'D HIRE
A DETECTIVE TO
INVESTIGATE HIS
POTENTIAL
PARTNER'S LINEAGE
OR SOMETHING?

HIS
FATHER
WAS A LOCAL
GOVERN-
MENT
EMPLOYEE.



HUH, IT'S WEIRD...
SINCE IT'S RARE
FOR A GUY TO BE
CHECKING YOU OUT
IN A WOMEN'S
CLOTHING SECTION
I WAS SURE IT
WAS SOMEONE
FROM A DETECTIVE
AGENCY...

HE WAS REAALY
TALL! ALMOST
LIKE AOKI-SAN!





THE
REMAINING
ONE,

DURING THE KAINUMA
CASE THERE WERE FOUR
INVESTIGATION MEMBERS
APART FROM MAKI-SAN.
OF THEM, SUZUKI KATSUHIRO
(33 YEARS OLD), TOYOMURA
MASANORI (26 YEARS OLD)
AND HENO YOSHIOMI (28
YEARS OLD), THE THREE OF
THEM DIED DURING THE
INVESTIGATION.



CURRENTLY
HE'S ON A
TEMPORARY
RETIREMENT,
SO FOR OUR
HR HE'S STILL
ENLISTED TO
'THE NINTH'—


WELL, THE CIR-
CUMSTANCES OF
HIS HOSPITALI-
ZATION ARE A
LONG STORY...
BUT HE'S PRETTY
MUCH A SPECIAL
CASE.

SUPERINTENDENT
TAKIZAWA MIKIO (36 AT
THE TIME) DEVELOPED A
PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
AND WAS LONG-TERM
HOSPITALIZED.



This is the
last remaining
living
subordinate of
Maki-san from
the Kainuma
Case.

THAT
MAN...



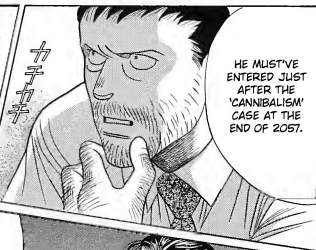
BUT TAKIZAWA
IS RESTRICTED
IN THE HOSPITAL,
IT'D IMPOSSIBLE
FOR HIM TO HAVE
ORCHESTRATED
THE INFORMATION
LEAK OR SET THE
EXPLOSIVES IN
THE CAR.

HE'S MOST
LIKELY THE MAN
MAKI-SAN WENT
TO THE HOSPITAL IN
IBARAKI TO CHECK
UP ON UPON HEARING
THAT SOMEONE USED
AN OLD PASSWORD.

FEBRUARY
2058...?
AH, I SEE,

TAKIZAWA
TRANSFERRED TO
'THE NINTH' ON
FEBRUARY 2058,
SO HE WASN'T
AMONG ITS
MEMBERS AT THE
TIME OF THE
INAUGURATION
IN 2056.

I DON'T THINK
HE'S ON THE
PHOTO FROM THE
INAUGURATION...



HE MUST'VE
ENTERED JUST
AFTER THE
'CANNIBALISM'
CASE AT THE
END OF 2057.



WHAT
IS IT...?

THERE IS NO
SUCH A STRANGE
NAMED CASE
IN 'THE NINTH'S'
INVESTIGATION
RECORDS.



'CANNIBALISM'?



IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN A PLANT EX-TERRORIST ACT... IT'S NOT NORMAL!

THAT'S ...



DIDN'T IMAI TELL YOU WHY EVEN MAKI-SAN'S LIFE IS THREATENED FOR THE SECRETS HE HOLDS?



HE'S FEARING FOR THOSE SECRETS MORE THAN HIS OWN LIFE! ...NO MATTER...



WHEN I FIRST ENTERED 'THE NINTH', MAKI-SAN USED TO WEAR A BULLETPROOF VEST... JUST TO AVOID ANY SECRETS GETTING OUT, RATHER THAN HIS BODY HE WAS MAKING HIS HEAD— ...HIS BRAIN DEFENSELESS, EASY TO TARGET AND DESTROY...!

IT'S NO
LONGER
WITHIN
NATIONAL
SECURITY...

THAT'S
RIGHT,

...NO MATTER HOW
MANY SERIOUS
CASES HE HAD
INVESTIGATED,
IT'S UNBELIEVABLE
THAT SOMEONE
WOULD TARGET THE
LIFE OF A POLICE
OFFICER IN DUTY
JUST FOR THE
INFORMATION!

IT'S ALMOST...

MAKI-SAN
STARTED
TO BE
TARGETED
LIKE THIS
SINCE...


...LIKE A COUP
D'ETAT IN SOME
DICTATORSHIP
RULED
COUNTRY...



AND WAS MADE
TO INVESTIGATE
ALONE FIVE
YEARS AGO.

THE CASE
HE ALONE
WATCHED...

THE
'CANNIBALISM'
CASE.



THERE ARE
NO OFFICIAL
DOCUMENTS
REGARDING THIS
CASE, AND IT'S NOT
LISTED IN ANY
OF 'THE NINTH'S'
RECORDS, AS IF
IT WAS NEVER
INVESTIGATED.

BUT THE
PEOPLE KNOWING
HIM THEN...
EVERYONE IN 'THE
NINTH' KNEW OR AT
LEAST SUSPECTED
THAT 'MAKI-SAN
WATCHED IT'.

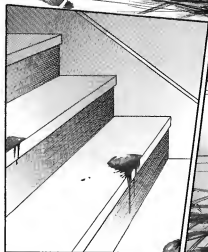
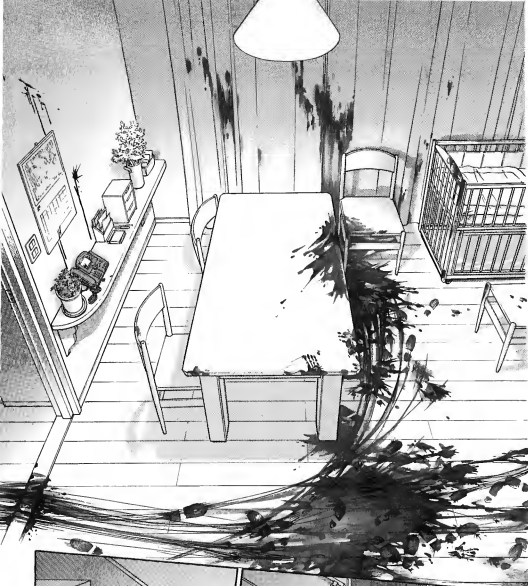
IT'S ONE
OF THE
CASES
BURIED IN
DARKNESS,

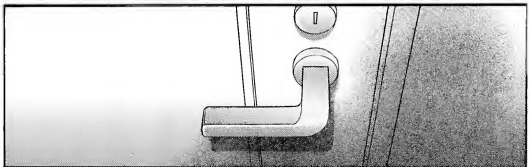
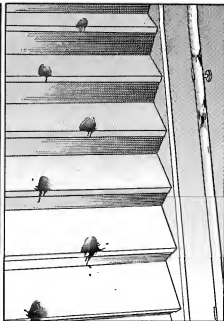
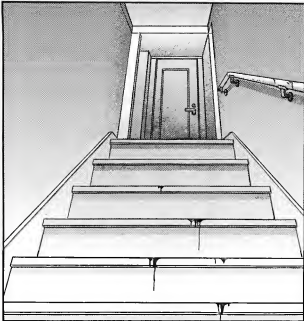


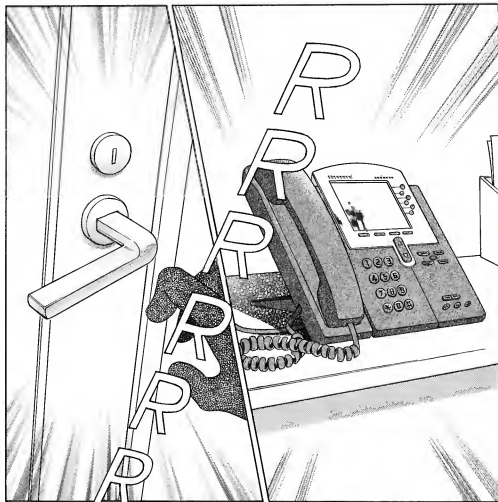
MAKI-SAN'S
LIFE.

THAT'S WHY HE'S
BEING TARGETED.

HIS
BRAIN.

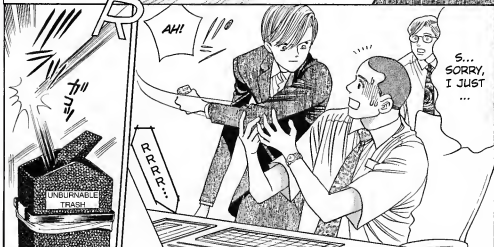








**SOGA! I TOLD
YOU TO HAVE YOUR
PHONE SHUT
OFF YOUR
DURING THE
INVESTIGATION!**



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HEY!
THE
CHIEF IS
LEAVING
THE
BUILDING
!
TO THE
FRONT...

Got it!

AH,
 Y...YES!

**OKABE!! I'M
LEAVING FOR A
MEETING AT 2PM,
GATHER THE
DOCUMENTS!**

.....

UNBURNABLE
TRASH

TOILET

**SHUT IT! I'M GOING TO
THE TOILET! DON'T
STICK AND FOLLOW ME
AROUND LIKE SOME
OVERSIZED CAT IN
HEAT. IT'S ANNOYING!**

DIDN'T
MAKI-SAN
REFUSE THE
SP GUARDS?

 TOILET

sorry
for the
cp

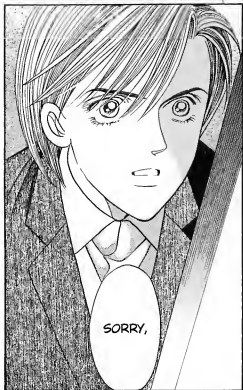


**INSPECTOR
GENERAL'S?
THAT'S LIKE
HE'S SOME
GOVERNMENT VIP!
JUST WHAT KIND
OF SECRETS DID
MAKI-SAN SEE?**

IT WAS AN
'INSPECTOR
GENERAL'S
ORDER'. IT
SEEMS EVEN
MAKI-SAN CAN'T
REFUSE THAT
AFTER ALL.



HEY! I TOLD
YOU NOT TO
FOLLOW ME TO
THE TOILET!



SORRY,





The number you
are trying to reach
is currently
unavailable...



Maybe
some baby
accessories for
the first
grandchild in
the family?

SINCE
I'M ALREADY
HERE I WANTED
TO CONSULT
AND BUY
SOMETHING
FOR HIS OLDER
SISTER BUT...

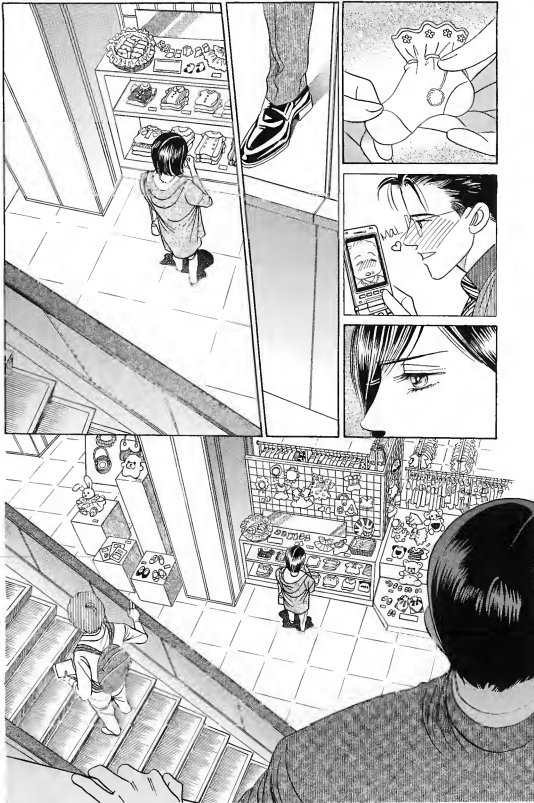
WELL, IT'S
NO USE
CALLING AT
THIS HOUR,
HM...

Please
try again
later.



Aah, she's
soo cute!





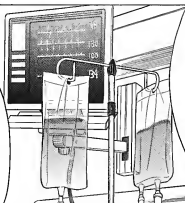
FIVE YEARS
AGO,

IT TOOK 10
DAYS BEFORE
THE RESCUE
FORCES MANAGED
TO ENTER
SHISHOUJIMA
WHICH SUSTAINED
A GREAT DAMAGE.



ON NOVEMBER 2057, A MAJOR
EARTHQUAKE OF 7.7 POINTS MAGNITUDE
STRUCK NEMUROOKI ON THE SOUTHERN
TIP OF HOKKAIDO. UNFORTUNATELY,
BECAUSE OF A GREAT COLD WAVE AND
HORRIBLE WEATHER THAT YEAR, THE
RESCUE OPERATIONS WERE HINDERED.

ON THE VERGE
OF DEATH THE
BOY CONFESSED
TO THE DOCTOR:



ON THE TWELFTH DAY FROM
THE DISASTER OUTBREAK,
18 BODIES OF PATIENTS WERE
DISCOVERED IN THE RUINS OF
A COMPLETELY COLLAPSED
HOSPITAL BUILDING. SINCE
THE BODIES HAD MANY
WOUNDS UNNATURAL FOR
THE RESULTS OF AN
EARTHQUAKE, THE SOLE
SURVIVING BOY WAS
ASKED ABOUT THEM.

'I survived by
eating the
other patients.'






THAT'S THE CASE
LATER CALLED
'CANNIBALISM'.

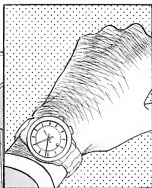
THE BOY'S
BRAIN WAS THEN
TRANSFERRED
UNOFFICIALLY TO
THE NINTH, WHERE
IT WAS YOU, THE
SECTION CHIEF,
WHO UNDERTOOK
THE INVESTIGATION.



JUST BY
YOURSELF.



BUT SUZUKI-SAN
SAW IT TOO.



**GET OUT
OF MY WAY
ACKI, NOW!**

TWO YEARS
AGO WHEN I
WATCHED
SUZUKI-SAN'S
BRAIN DURING
THE 'NINE
BOYS' SUICIDE'
CASE I DIDN'T
UNDERSTAND IT,

BUT NOW
I GOT IT,
THEY WERE
PICTURES
FROM THE
'CANNIBALISM'
CASE.

NO, I
DON'T CARE
ABOUT THIS
CONVER-
SATION,

**WHAT ARE
YOU TRYING
TO DO,
TRAPPING
YOUR BOSS
IN A PLACE
LIKE THIS?!**

STOP IT!

**KNOWING THAT
ASSIGNING THEM
TO THE CASE WOULD
MEAN RISKING
THEIR LIVES AND
ASSASSINATION,
YOU KEPT IT ALL TO
YOURSELF!**

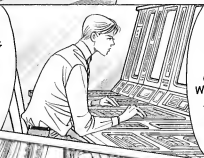
**AFRAID OF
EXPOSING YOUR
SUBORDINATES TO
DANGER YOU TRIED
TO DEAL WITH
EVERYTHING
ALONE!**

**AND NOW AGAIN,
YOU ALONE ARE
EXPOSED TO
DANGER AND
TARGETED!**



THAT'S WHY
SUZUKI-SAN
WATCHED IT.

THAT'S BECAUSE, BY BEING EVEN
JUST ONE MORE PERSON KNOWING
THE 'SECRET' HE TRIED TO LESSEN
THE RISK OF YOU BEING
ASSASSINATED EVEN BY A LITTLE.



AS THE
VICE-SECTION
CHIEF, HE WAS
WATCHING IT TOO,
AGAINST YOUR
ORDERS.



JUST AS
YOU WANTED TO
PROTECT YOUR
SUBORDINATES,
SUZUKI-SAN
TRIED TO
PROTECT YOU.



THAT'S WHAT
HE THOUGHT.





MAKE THAT
CASE OFFICIAL!



WHA...



IF IT BECOMES
A COMMONLY
KNOWN
TRUTH...

BECAUSE
YOU'RE MAKING
IT A 'SECRET',
YOUR LIFE IS
THREATENED!



OF COURSE
NOT ALL OF THE
MEMORIES!



NO!

AT LEAST BRING
JUST THE DATA
FROM THE
'CANNIBALISM'
CASE TO LIGHT!



WHY IS THAT?
ARE SUZUKI-
SAN'S MEMO-
RIES THAT
PRECIOUS?
YOU'RE LIKE HIS
BRAIN'S GRAVE
KEEPER!

DON'T MEDDLE
WITH THIS CASE
ANYMORE! IT'S NOT
YOUR BUSINESS!



ABSOLUTELY
NOT!!
IT'S NOT AS
SIMPLE AS
THAT! I'M NOT
GOING TO
SHOW HIS
BRAIN TO
ANYBODY
ELSE!



TWO YEARS AGO,
WHEN I SAW
SUZUKI-SAN'S
BRAIN I SAW
EVERYTHING TOO!



BUT I'VE
SEEN IT
TOO!

AND
DON'T
BRING IT
UP EVER
AGAIN!

I'M ALREADY
INVOLVED IN
THIS!



IF,



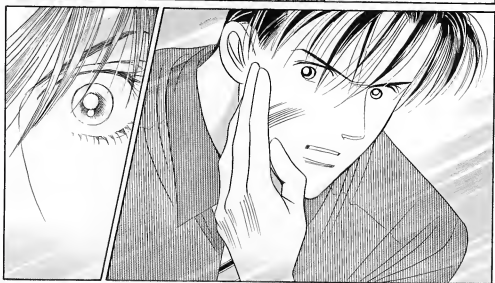
I CAN
WRITE THE
REPORT TO THE
'CANNIBALISM'
CASE MYSELF!



IF THIS CASE
CAN BE
SETTLED—

IF IT MEANS
THAT NO ONE
PLANTS A BOMB
IN YOUR CAR
AGAIN AND I CAN
PROTECT YOUR
LIFE THAT WAY,

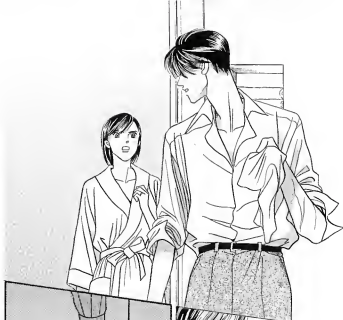






My eyes,
trained
in lip-
reading...





...Couldn't miss the way Maki-san's lips formed the 'Su' shape for a moment.

His face,

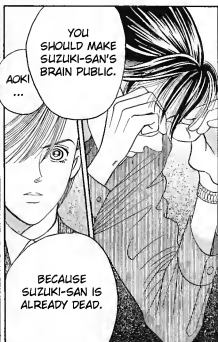


Had the same expression as Yukiko-san back then...



HEY AOKI!!
MIND WHAT
YOU'RE
SAYING! THE
SP OUTSIDE
CAN HEAR
EVERYTHING!
IF YOU SAY
TOO MUCH IN
A PLACE LIKE
THIS...

WHAT IF I DO?
I DON'T MIND
THEM HEARING
THIS
CONVERSATION!



YOU
SHOULD MAKE
SUZUKI-SAN'S
BRAIN PUBLIC.

AOKI
...

BECAUSE
SUZUKI-SAN IS
ALREADY DEAD.



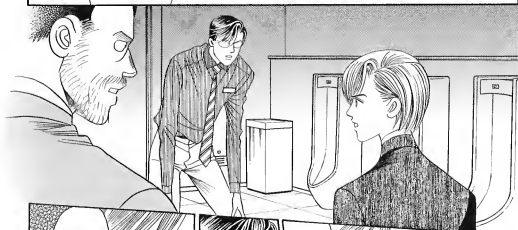
ARE THERE
SECRETS MORE
IMPORTANT
THAN HUMAN
LIFE?



I'M JUST
TRYING TO...



TO DO
WHAT?



MAKI...




DO
YOU...



YOU...



'TO
PROTECT
ME',
IS THAT
WHAT
YOU'RE
TRYING TO
SAY?



...WANT TO TASTE
THE FEAR OF
BEING UNABLE TO
SLEEP EVEN IN
YOUR OWN HOME
SO BADLY?



DO YOU
WANT TO
HAVE
BOMBS
PLANTED IN
YOUR CAR
THEN?



THEN
ANNOUNCE
TO EVERYONE
THAT YOU
WATCHED THE
'CANNIBALISM'
CASE!

IT MIGHT
SEEM OK
WHEN IT'S
JUST YOU—
BUT
IMAGINE...

THAT'S WHAT
IT MEANS, WHEN
YOU'RE TRYING
TO SHARE THE
SECRETS
WITH ME.



MAKI...



Excuse
me,
I'd like
these.



IF IT
WAS...

IF IT'S
YUKIKO-SAN'S
CAR THAT GETS
SET UP WITH
EXPLOSIVES...
HAVE YOU
THOUGHT ABOUT
THAT EVEN FOR
A MOMENT?

And this
as well,
it's a
present.



IF SOMETHING
HAPPENED,
WOULD YOU
HAVE THE
STRENGTH TO
TAKE THE RES-
PONSIBILITY,

AND PROTECT
PEOPLE?

ARE YOU
CONFIDENT
THAT YOU'D
BE ABLE TO
PROTECT
HER?



ARE YOU
SAYING
YOU HAVE
THAT
RESOLVE?



OOH-!
SO
CUTE!

NO, IT'S
NOTHING,
I DON'T KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT BABIES
SO I JUST
PICKED WHAT
THE SHOP
CLERK RE-
COMMENDED...

SORRY
YUKIKO-SAN,
THAT YOU
HAD TO BUY
EVERYTHING!
AND WHEN DID
YOU MANAGE
TO GO
SHOPPING?

Look! What
your new
socks and
'onesies'!

Buh!

THE SIZE IS JUST
PERFECT TOO!
WE WANTED SOME
CUTE OUTFIT FOR
HER TO WEAR
FOR WALKS,
SO THEY'RE
JUST WHAT
WE NEEDED!
THANK YOU
YUKIKO-SAN,
AND IKKOU
AS WELL!



**YOU
WENT
OUT
ALONE?
BY CAR?**



HM? I WAS
IN ODAIBA
LAST WEEK
ON SUNDAY,
SO ON MY
WAY...

BUT I MIGHT BE
ABLE TO LEAVE!
ANYWAY FOR THE
TIME BEING BE
CAREFUL ABOUT
GOING OUT ALONE
IN THE EVENINGS
AND ALWAYS LOCK
THE DOORS...

IKKOU!

BUT I ASKED
YOU NOT TO GO
ANYWHERE ALONE
FOR SOME TIME,
AND ESPECIALLY
NOT WITH A CAR!

SUGA-CHAN
WENT WITH ME.
SHE LEFT
EARLIER FOR
HER DATE
THOUGH.

YOU TOLD ME THAT
SUNDAY EVENING, SO IT
WAS AFTER I CAME
BACK! AND ANYWAY YOU
CAN'T ALWAYS LEAVE
YOUR WORK IF I
CALLED YOU FOR EVERY
LITTLE THING IN THE
MIDDLE OF AN
INVESTIGATION
...

IKKOU!

HEY!

IKKOU!

AH...

AOKI-KUN...
IKKOU-SAN IS
WORRYING TOO
MUCH BECAUSE
OF HIS JOB!

SERIO-
USLY
!?

BUT DON'T MIND IT,
I'M PRETTY STRONG!
I MAY NOT LOOK LIKE
THAT, BUT I HAVE A
BLACK BELT AND ONCE
I BROKE A FEW RIBS
OF SOME TRAIN
MOLESTER I TACKLED!

IS SOME-
THING THE
MATTER
WITH
YUKIKO-
SAN...?

IS SHE
IN SOME
KIND OF
DANGER
...?

NO, NO!
EVERY-
THING'S
FINE!

IKKOU!
YUKIKO
-SAN...

THERE ARE
LESS OF THEM
NOW THAT I'VE
TURNED THIRTY,
BUT I KNOW
MORE ABOUT
PERVERTS'
BEHAVIOR THAN
YOU, A GUY! I
COULD WRITE A
BOOK!

NO...
I
DIDN'T
MEAN
IT LIKE
THAT
...

I JUST HAPPENED
TO PUNCH HIM IN
A BAD PLACE.

WHY, ARE YOU
GOING TO DEFEND
THAT PERVERT?

YOU NEVER
TOLD ME ABOUT
THAT! ALSO
ISN'T THAT AN
EXCESSIVE
SELF-DEFENCE?

AH, BUT
LATELY I
MET FIRST

I WAS ONE IN FIVE
WATCHING OR SIX
A RERUN OF YEARS!

'DETECTIVE
HANAMARU',
AND SUDDENLY
I GOT THAT
CRAVING FOR
ODEN, SO I
WENT TO A
CONVENIENCE
STORE AND
THEN...

IKKOU!

WASN'T THAT
RERUN TWO DAYS
AGO AT 2AM?!
JUST HOW
CARELESS ARE
YOU TO GO TO A
CONVENIENCE
STORE
ALONE IN
THE MIDDLE
OF THE NIGHT—

IKKOU!

カ
チ
ン!

WELL
THEN,
YUKIKO-
SAN...





MOM IS
STAYING
IN THIS
HOTEL?

YEAH..
IT'S JUST A
SHORT WALK
FROM THE
HOUSE, AND
MAI'S STILL
CRYING A LOT
AT NIGHT,
SO SHE
WOULDN'T
GET ANY
SLEEP...

AH,
RIGHT,
IKKOU.





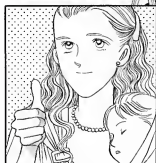
WHO?

HMM, IT
WASN'T YOU?
WHEN I
HEARD THAT
HE WAS OVER
6FT TALL I
WAS SURE...

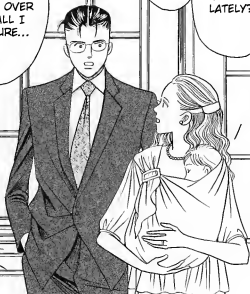
HUH?
NO,
WHY?

DID YOU
VISIT OUR
HOUSE
LATELY?

OH,
NEVER-
MIND.
VISIT US
NEXT
TIME!



AND
BRING
YUKIKO-
SAN
TOO.



IT'S A BIT
COMPLICATED TO
HAVE A 'LITTLE
SISTER' OLDER
THAN MYSELF,

SIS!

T...
THAT
WAS
...

BUT I PREFER
HER WAAY OVER
THE BARELY
ADULT COLLEGE
STUDENT YOU
WERE DATING
BEFORE.

I'M NOT SURE
ABOUT MOM,
BUT I LIKE HER.
ISN'T SHE
BEAUTIFUL?
GOOD LUCK,
I'LL BE
CHEERING
ON YOU!



COMING
!

HONEY!

SHE'S LONELY
NOW THAT
FATHER DIED
AND EVEN
THE 'CUTE
KOU-CHAN' IS
LEAVING HER,
SO LET HER
COMPLAIN
A BIT.

WELL, YOU'RE
MOM'S PRIDED
SON, NO MATTER
WHO YOU BRING
SHE WOULDN'T
BE SATISFIED AT
FIRST.



BUT
DON'T
RUSH.

I KNOW
THAT
THERE'S A
LOT ABOUT
YOUR JOB
YOU CAN'T
TALK
ABOUT,

OH,
AND
IKKOU,

THANK YOU
KUROTSUJI-
SAN FOR
MAKING
TIME FOR
US!

SURE,
TAKE
CARE—

THEN...
SORRY
FOR
GETTING
BACK SO
EARLY!

WE HAVE
TO BATH
MAI AND
ALL.



SOMEHOW IT
FEELS LIKE
YOU'RE
PUSHING YOUR-
SELF TOO
HARD... JUST
LIKE,

ARE
YOU?

HM? I'M
NOT IN A
RUSH?



WHEN YOU'RE
KEEPING
THIS PLAIN
HAIRSTYLE
THAT MAKES
YOU LOOK
OLDER.



YOU GET
ALONG WELL
WITH YOUR
SISTER, HM?



IT'S COMPLETELY
DIFFERENT IN MY HOME.
I HAVE A YOUNGER
BROTHER, AND I DON'T
KNOW IF HE CAN'T
FORGET THE TIMES WHEN
I KEPT BULLYING HIM,

OR IF HE'S
EMBARRASSED OF HIS
SPINSTER SISTER, BUT
EVEN WHEN I GO HOME
HE WON'T TALK TO ME.
HE'S EVEN HIDING THAT
HE HAS AN OLDER
SISTER FROM HIS
FRIENDS, CAN YOU
BELIEVE?!



HUH?
REALLY?

I THOUGHT
IT WAS
NORMAL.

IT'S
NOT!

SO WHEN I SAW YOU
AND YOUR FAMILY... IT
WAS LIKE A WAVE OF
RELIEF YOU KNOW! A
PERFECT, HEALTHY
FAMILY...



JUST WHAT
DID YOU DO
TO HIM THE
PAST?



I FEEL LIKE
I GET WHY
TSUYOSHI-KUN
LIKES YOU SO
MUCH...

YEAH.

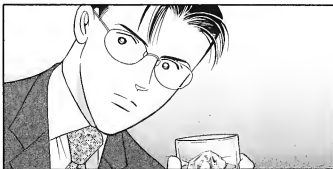
And I
grew over
6ft tall like
a bamboo
pole.

'OH, HE
MUST'VE
BEEN
RAISED IN
NORMAL,
HONEST
WAY'—

IS
WHAT I
THOUGHT
...



THERE
ARE MANY
THINGS
ABOUT YOU
HE'S
ATTRACTED
TO.



AND,

...

MAKI-SAN?
TO ME?

HE'S NOT
EVEN
ASHAMED

in a
triumphal
pose!

EVEN IF
BY ANY
CHANCE
IT WAS
TRUE...

NO, IT'S THE OPPOSITE,
IT WAS ME WHO JOINED
'THE NINTH' BECAUSE I
ADMIRED MAKI-SAN SO MUCH!

SO MUCH, THAT AROUND THE
TIME I ENTERED THE TEAM,
I DREAMT A LOT THAT
MAKI-SAN WAS IN FACT A
WOMAN, AND EVERY TIME I
JUMPED AWAKE HAPPILY WITH
'I KNEW IT! HURRAY!'

THAT'S
SURELY

...





YOUR
HAIR,

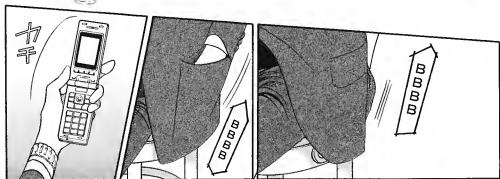
YUKI...

IT'S BETTER
WHEN YOU
COMB IT BACK
PROPERLY...

IT'S YOUR
STYLE, AND
I LIKE IT.

IT'S NOT
PLAIN
ALL.







YES—
YES.

I UNDER-
STAND, I'LL
TELL HIM.

YES, THE
CHIEF IS
STILL AT
WORK...



NOW?
AT THIS
HOUR?

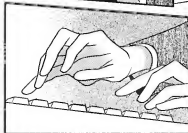
TASHIRO-
SAN WILL
BE COMING
HERE
SOON.



THAT'S WHY I'M
TELLING YOU TO
GO HOME, NO
ONE'S ASKING
YOU TO STAY.

LISTEN, IF YOU
WORKED ALONG BETTER
WITH THE SP I COULD
LAZE AROUND AT HOME
TOO! ANYWAY— AH,
THAT'S RIGHT...

I'M NOT SURE
YOU'RE TO SAY
ANYTHING
WHEN YOU'RE
WORKING AT
THIS HOUR
YOURSELF,
AT 10PM ON
SUNDAY.



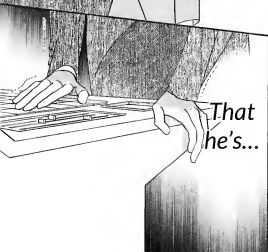
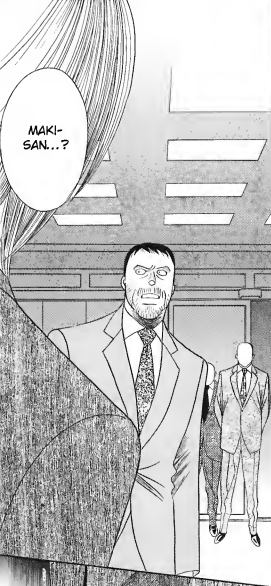


THE NUMBER
ONE TOUGH GUY
IN 'THE NINTH',
NO IN THE WHOLE
PRECINCT, IS
TREMBLING IN
FEAR AT THE
SLIGHTEST
CHANGE IN YOUR
EXPRESSION!

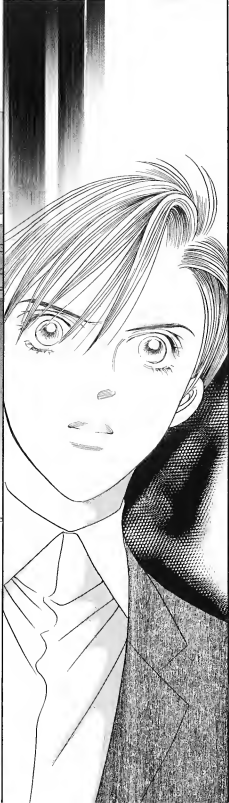




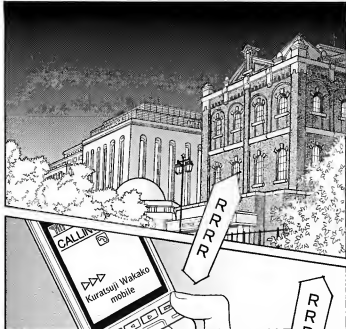
MAKI-
SAN...?



That
he's...



Came back
from that
world...



MAKI.

I tried calling her...
She picked up twice
but cut off right after,
and I couldn't get
to her ever since.
She also said something
unusual earlier...

It'll take
me about
twenty
to thirty
minutes,
but I'll be
coming
right back,
ok?

I'm going
to my sister's
house for
a moment,
could you
stay here
for a while?

Hmm,
it wasn't
you? Then
who was
it...?

What
happened?

Don't even
go to a
convenience
store or
anything!

And
wear
your
jacket!

A...
ALRIGHT
...

Until I come
back, don't go
anywhere but
the toilet!
Don't leave
the hotel alone!

YES...

AH,

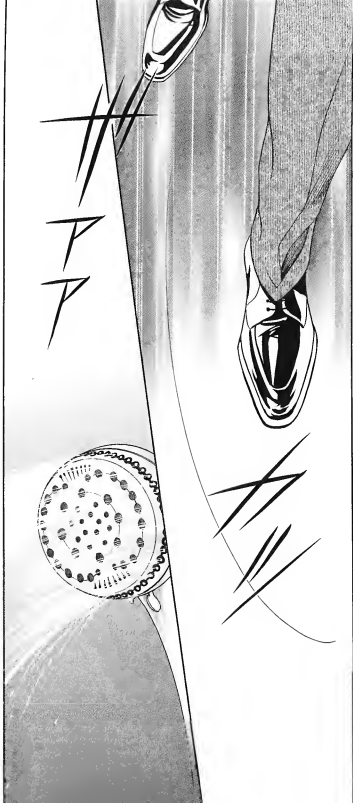
YOU HAVE
A NICE
BOYFRIEND
!

HE CAN'T
HELP BUT
WORRY...

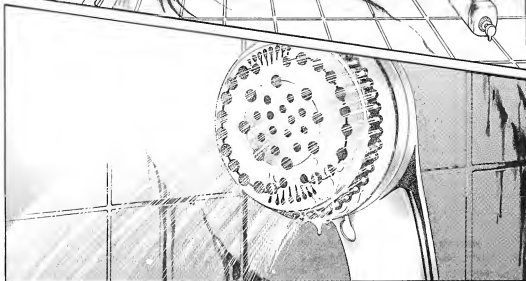
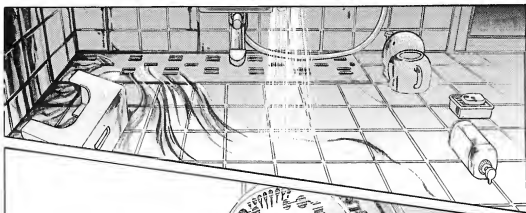
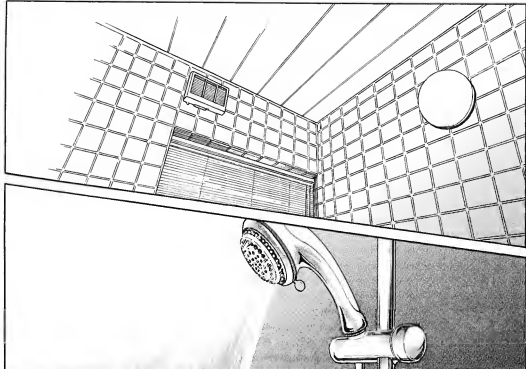


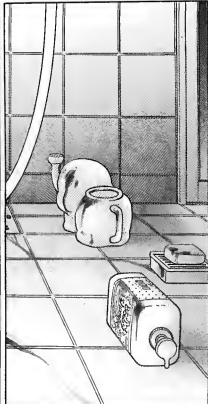
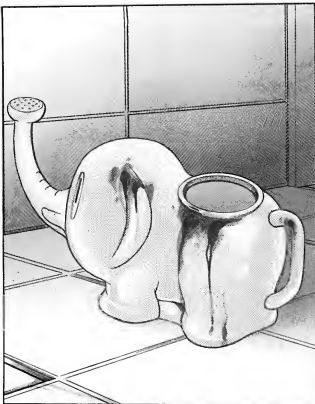
YES, I THINK
SO TOO...



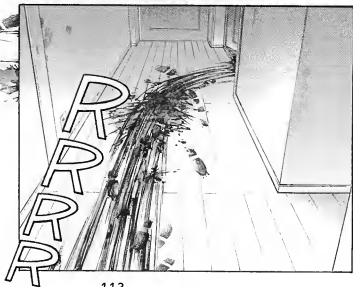
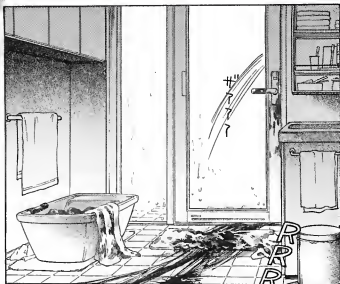


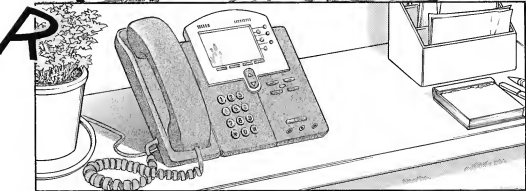


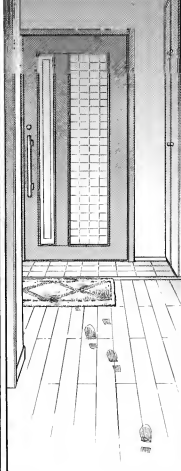
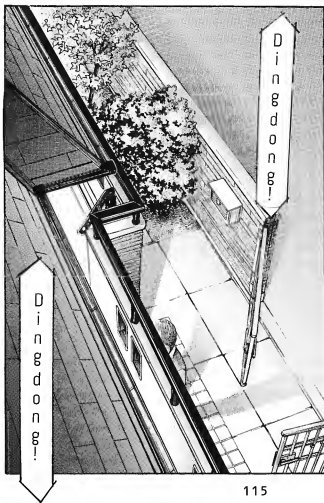
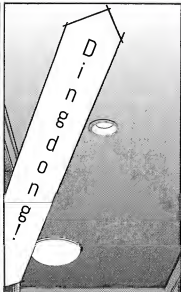
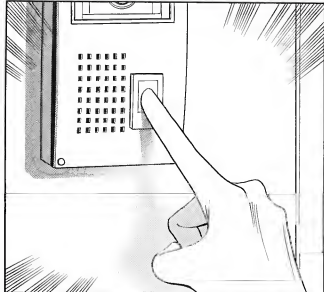


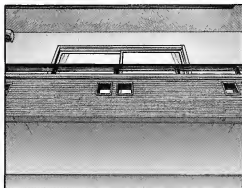






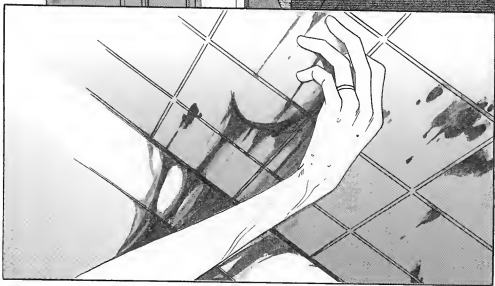








WAKAKO!



REIKO SHIMIZU

秘 トップ・シークレット 密

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END GAME

THE TOP SECRET

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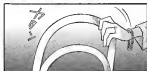
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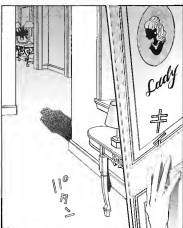
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END GAME ACT 3

THE TOP SECRET







Kelly



LISTEN TO ME!
MY GRIP
STRENGTH IS
67KG, WHICH
EXCEEDS EVEN
THE AVERAGE
FOR A MALE IN
HIS TWENTIES
THAT'S 17 KG.

AH!

NOW,

SO,

WHO
SENT
YOU?

WHY
ARE YOU
FOLLOW-
ING ME?

STO—!

IF YOU DON'T
WANT ME TO
SQUEEZE AND
RENDER YOUR
PRECIOUS
THING
UNUSABLE,
TALK!

WHY!

WHY!



**'THE NINTH',
IT'S
'THE NINTH'!**

**カッ
カッ**

**COME
ON!**

**カッ
カッ?**

WAAH!

**STOP,
STOP!**

**SINCE IT
WAS URGENT
AND THERE
WERE NOT
ENOUGH
PEOPLE, HE
MOVED THE SP
THAT WERE
GUARDING
HIM TO YOU.**

**THEIR SECTION
CHIEF, AMANO,
REQUESTED
FOR A
GUARD TO BE
PUT ON YOU!**

**HE SAID
YOU MAY BE
IN DANGER!**

**IF YOU
UNDERSTOOD,
LEAVE GO,
STUPID
WOMAN!**



Tsu-yoshi-kun has...?

Requested a guard for me?

Eh?

Why...?

THE CHIEF... NEVER MENTIONED YOU WERE... SO VIOLENT!

DAMN



D...

...why SO







HEY,
YOU...

IT MADE
ME HAPPY...



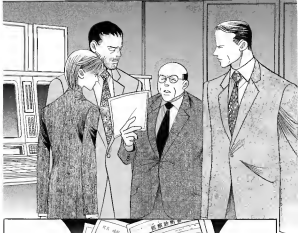
THE ONE STRAPPED
TO THE BED AS
TAKIZAWA MIKIO AT THE
IBARAKI HOSPITAL...

IT
WASN'T
YOU!



IT WAS
SOMEONE
ELSE.





AND HERE'S THE
DOCUMENT ISSUED
BY THE FIRST
PERSONNEL AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT OF THE
SCIENTIFIC POLICE
RESEARCH CENTER.



HERE ARE
THE MEDICAL
CERTIFICATE
AND A HEALTH
REPORT,
ISSUED A
WEEK AGO.



NOTICE OF
REINSTATEMENT

Mr. Wilson is appointed
North Laboratory of Law
Enforcement Police Research Center

Patient's
Condition
Other

No disorders
found.

Overall
condition:
No disorders
found.

'A NOTICE
OF REIN-
STATEMENT'
...



Takizawa Mikio is appointed to resume his work at the Ninth Laboratory of Legal Medicine of the Scientific Police Research Center.

A REIN-
STATEMENT...

TASHIRO-
SANT

MAKI-
KUN,

WHAT
IS IT
ABOUT?

TO THE
NINTH?

NO
WAY...

HE'S THE
VICTIM
IN THIS
SITUATION.

THOUGH IT
WAS ONCE
THOUGHT
IMPOSSIBLE.

THE MAIN
REASON BEHIND
HIS LONG TERM
CONFINEMENT IN
THE HOSPITAL
WAS THAT
UNFORTUNATE
CASE —
A WORK-
RELATED
ACCIDENT.

THE MAN
YOU VISITED IN
IBARAKI IN MAY
WAS INDEED
INSPECTOR
TAKIZAWA MIKIO.
DURING HIS
HOSPITALIZATION
HE WAS STILL
OFFICIALLY
ENROLLED TO
THE NINTH.

HE
MANAGED
TO GET
BACK TO
HEALTH
AND CAN
RETURN TO
WORK.

WHILE I
UNDERSTAND
YOUR AND OTHER
INSPECTORS'
CONFUSION AT THE
SUDDEN PERSONNEL
CHANGE,







WHY ARE YOU
TANNED TO THE POINT
OF HAVING A VISIBLE
MARK FROM A RING,
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO HAVE
BEEN CONFINED IN THE
HOSPITAL UP UNTIL A
WEEK AGO?



HAATO-
KLIN!



THAT...



WHEN A
RAINY
SEASON
ALREADY
BEGAN IN
JAPAN?



WHERE
DID YOU
GET THAT
TAN,



TASHIRO-
SAN,



THAT WASN'T
YOUR HAND...
TAKIYAMA!



I CAN'T TRUST
AND WELCOME
BACK A MAN
WHO'D SELL SUCH
BLATANT LIES TO
HIS SUPERIOR—





JUST AS
YOU SAID,

MY
HOSPITALIZATION
WAS A RUDE
FROM THE START.
DURING THAT
TIME, I WAS
ASSIGNED TO
ANOTHER
SPECIAL TASK.



COULD YOU TRUST
A SUBORDINATE
THAT CAN'T KEEP
HIS TONGUE ON A LEASH?



DO YOU EXPECT
ME TO TELL YOU
UPFRONT ABOUT A
MISSION THAT'S
NOT SUPPOSED TO
HAVE A TRACE IN
MY PERSONAL
RECORD?



STARTING TODAY
YOU'RE MY ONLY
SUPERVISOR.



I CAN KEEP
A SECRET.



IT'S A
TOP-DOWN SYSTEM.
I'M PLEDGING MY
ALLEGIANCE TO YOU,
AND I'LL ACT ON
YOUR ORDERS.

AS THE 8TH
SUBORDINATE OF
"THE NINTH"
RELEASED FROM
THE HOSPITAL A
WEEK AGO,

REGARD-
LESS OF
THOSE
THREE
YEARS,







PLEASE
EXCUSE ME
IF I BEHAVED
RUDELY TO YOU
IN ANY WAY.



I
MEAN
IT.



NO
NEED TO
APOLO-
GIZE TO
ME...



NO...

ERR...

EH...?







IN
COMPARISON,



IT MUST'VE BEEN
HARD FOR YOU,
BURDENED WITH
THE HEAVY
POSITION AS 'THE
NINTH'S SECTION
CHIEF, AND HAVING
ONLY SUZUKI TO
TRUST AND SPEAK
YOUR MIND TO.



IT SEEMS
YOU'RE HAVING
MUCH MORE FUN
NOWADAYS.



WITH THE BIG
GUY HERE
BEHIND YOUR
BACK, YOU CAN
YELL AROUND
AT YOUR
UNDERLINGS,
TAKE EVERY-
THING OUT
ON THEM.



TO YOUR
HEART'S
CONTENT,

UNRES-
TRAINED,

YOU CAN EVEN
MAKE THAT CLUTÉ
YOUNG MAN THAT
LOOKS JUST LIKE
SUZUKI SERVE
YOU AS YOU LIKE.

カッ
ッ

MAKI-
SAN!



*PLEASE
STOP
THROWING
ANYTHING
YOU HAVE
AT HAND'S
REACH!*





>INCOMING CALL<
ADRI WAKOU

A DIRECT
CALL TO
THE SECTION
CHIEF'S
OFFICE...

SPEAKING
OF THE
DEVIL,

IT'S A LOVE
CALL FROM
THE
YOUNG
GUY!











...Still
hasn't gone
amiss...

YOU'RE
ALIVE,
RIGHT?



Aoki!



WHAT'S
THAT
VOICE,
IS THERE
SOMEONE
BEHIND
YOU?

WHAT
IS IT?
WHAT
HAPPENED
?

THE
WORLD
YOU'RE
LIVING
IN...



...IS IT?

NOW







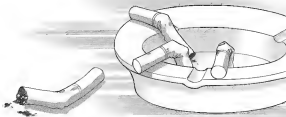












There are
quite a
lot of
similarities.



AA!

AND THERE IS
ALSO SMOKING
AT THE CRIME
SCENE.

THE WEAPON,
SCRIBBLING THE
DATE OF THE
MURDER ON A
WALL...

THE LIVING
CONDITIONS OF
THE TARGETED
FAMILIES, THE
WAY OF ENTRY
THROUGH THE
SECOND FLOOR
WINDOW,

I SEE...

WHO
WOULD
HAVE
THOUGHT,

IS IT THE
SAME COMPANY?

Another Household
Slaughter

THE 'HOUSEHOLD
MASSACRE CASE'
THAT SENT CHILLS
DOWN THE SPINES
OF THE JAPANESE
ARCHIPELAGO IN
THE MIST OF
SPRING HANAMI
FESTIVITIES...



THAT
IT WAS A
COPYCAT
KILLER...



HERE IS,



AND
THIS IS...



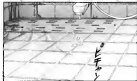
THE RETRIEVED
IMAGE FROM AN
OLD ENGLISH TV
PROGRAM CALLED
'MURDER CASE'
THAT THE
SUSPECT SAW
FIVE YEARS AGO.



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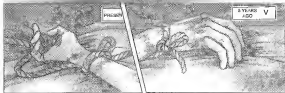














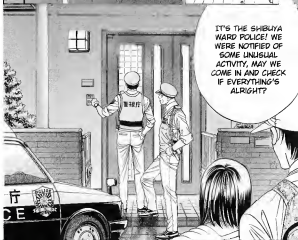
KURA-
TSUJI-
SAN!

KURA-
TSUJI
MASA-
NOBU-
SAN!

DING
DONG!

DING
DONG!

IT'S THE SHIBUYA
WARD POLICE! WE
WERE NOTIFIED OF
SOME UNUSUAL
ACTIVITY, MAY WE
COME IN AND CHECK
IF EVERYTHING'S
ALRIGHT?











Everything's
exactly the
same!

It's the
same....

AAK?
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?



AND
...

The two story house,
the writings on the
wall, smoking a the
crime scene...



AND...

AND
...



YOU
MEAN...

THE
'HOUSEHOLD
MASSACRE
CASE' YOU
INVESTIGATED
IN MARCH?

THE SUSPECT
BARRICADED
HIMSELF WITH
THE CHILD ON
THE SECOND
FLOOR!

THE
CHILD'S
STILL—

WE REQUEST
BACK-UP
IMMEDIATELY,
IT SEEMS THE
SUSPECT IS STILL
ON THE SECOND
FLOOR!

THERE
ARE TWO
BODIES
IN THE
BATHTUB!

WE CAN'T
MAKE ANY
MOVE
WITHOUT
ENDANGER
—ING THE
CHILD!



'COPYCAT
KILLER'?

YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT
THAT...

I'm
listening
to you.

Calm
down
and talk
to me.

GET BACK,
EVERYONE
GET BACK!

IT'S
DANGEROUS,
THE CULPRIT'S
STILL INSIDE
THE HOUSE!

MA...

.....
.....
Aoki?



MAKI-
SAN,



CAN YOU
HEAR US?
OPEN THE
DOOR AND
STEP
OUTSIDE!

MAKI-
SAN...



DON'T
HANG
UP...

THIS HOUSE
IS ALREADY
SURROUNDED,
THERE'S
NOWHERE
LEFT TO RUN!
STEP
OUTSIDE
IMMEDIATELY,
AND HAND
OVER THE
CHILD!



IT'S ALL
COVERED IN
BLOOD, LIKE I
STEPPED INTO A
MURDERER'S MRI
FOOTAGE....

IT'S WEIRD,
THIS HOUSE...
THIS WORLD.



I HAVE NO
IDEA WHAT'S
GOING ON...

MAKI-
SAN...

EVERYONE'S
DEAD,

AND
THEN
THE
POLICE
CAME,





ONLY YOU
ARE...



HE'S NOT
HOLDING
ANY
WEAPON.



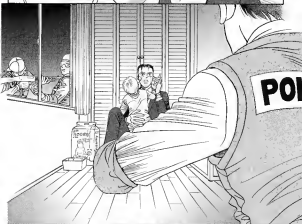
HE'S HOLDING
THE CHILD
AND TALKING
ON HIS
CELLPHONE.



BANG!



PAPA?











**I REPEAT: A MAN
ABOUT 6FT TALL
WAS CONFIRMED
AS THE SUSPECT
AND IMMEDIATELY
APPREHENDED!**



Shhhhh

**AOKI
!**

**AOKI
!**



AOKI!



Still hasn't gone
amiss, right....?

The world
you're living in...





Shibuya Eibisu

**The male suspect
apprehended by the
SAT unit**

Barricaded himself
with the child as a
hostage

**A MARRIAGE
SLAUGHTERED**

**TWO DEAD
BODIES IN
SHIBUYA**

**The oldest daughter (7 months)
safely rescued**

The oldest daughter (7 months) safely rescued. The male suspect barricaded himself with the child as a hostage. The SAT unit apprehended the male suspect. The marriage was slaughtered. Two dead bodies in Shibuya.



Katsunori
Masuzono (30)



Katsunori
Wakako (29)

The quiet neighbourhood in shock!





A SEA OF
BLOOD INSIDE

THE POLICEMAN SUSPECT?!

The masses
of blood
from kitchen
to bathroom

bloody marks on the
sarch near the entry

The suspect (24),
working at the Police
Crime Laboratory,
held in custody

No comments from
the Shibuya Police.





MIGHT BE
SOMEONE ELSE
THAN THE
YOUNGER
BROTHER OF
THE VICTIM,
AOKI IKKOU (24)
ARRESTED
WITHOUT A
WARRANT AFTER
BARRICADING
HIMSELF WITH
THE CHILD AT
THE CRIME
SCENE.



THE FORENSIC
RESULTS THAT
CAME IN SUG-
GEST THAT THE
PERPETRATOR
THAT MURDERED
KURATSUJI
MASANOBU (30)
AND HIS WIFE,
KURATSUJI
WAKAKO (29)
AND LEFT THEIR
BODIES IN THE
BATHTUB,

QUIET
PLEASE!

HEY!

HUH
?

AOKI

COMMI-
SSIONER!

SERIOUS-
LY?

THEREFORE,
INSPECTOR AOKI
IKKOU WAS
RELEASED AS
MISTAKENLY
ARRESTED.
HOWEVER,
AS AN IMPORTANT
WITNESS AND
THE FIRST PERSON
TO DISCOVER THE
BODIES, HE'S
PARTICIPATING IN
A VOLUNTARY
QUESTIONING.

IN THE
LEGAL
AUTOPSY,

IT SEEMS A RATHER
QUICK RELEASE...
COULD IT BE IT'S
BECAUSE OF THE
PRESSURE FROM
'THE NINTH' OR THE
METROPOLITAN
POLICE...

IT WAS
ESTABLISHED THAT
BOTH THE VICTIMS
DIED IN THE SPAN
OF 10 MINUTES
FROM 8:50 AND
9:00PM.

THE IMAGES
FROM THE
SECURITY
CAMERA THAT
CAUGHT THE
FIGURE OF HIM
LEAVING THE
HOTEL AT
9:40PM PROVE
THAT AS WELL.

THE TESTIMONIES
OF THE BARTENDER
AND SEVERAL
HOTEL STAFF
CONFIRM THAT
INSPECTOR AOKI
WAS WITH HIS
FIANCÉE UNTIL
AROUND 9:30PM.

21:40:15

21:40



SO IT'S
EVIDENT,



IT'S A 10
MINUTE RUN
FROM THE
HOTEL TO THE
KURATSUJI
HOUSEHOLD
WHERE THE
CRIME TOOK
PLACE. EVEN
BY A FASTEST
BIKE IT
WOULD STILL
TAKE 4
MINUTES TO
GET THERE.



HEY,



WHO'S
THAT?



IT'S A
FACT THAT
THE SAT
MISTAKENLY
ARRESTED
THE PRIMARY
WITNESS!



THAT IT
WAS IM-
POSSIBLE
FOR INS-
PECTOR AOKI
TO COMMIT
THIS MURDER!

DNA

X -----

MASAKOSU ---

WAKAKO ----

INSPECTOR AOKI

AMONG
THE GREAT
MANY OF
FOOTPRINTS
LEFT AT
THE CRIME
SCENE...

B...BUT AT THE
TIME, A MOMENT
OF HESITATION
COULD RESULT IN
ENDANGERING THE
CHILD'S LIFE!
THE SAT'S REACTION
WAS UNAVOIDABLE!

BESIDES, THERE
AREN'T THAT MANY
MEN FITTING THE
'OVER 6FT TALL
MALE, SHOE SIZE 13'
PROFILE ISSUED BY
THE FORENSICS!

THE FIRST ONE
WAS OF INSPECTOR
AOKI, WALKING
AROUND ON THE
CORRIDORS— AND
THE SECOND,

THE FORENSICS
WORKED HARD
TO DISCERN AND
EXCLUDE ALL THOSE
BELONGING TO THE
POLICE, SAT, OR
THE VICTIMS AND
SUCCEEDED TO PICK
OUT TWO DIFFERENT
SIZE 13 PATTERNS.

FOOTPRINTS
MADE BY A
LEATHER-SOLED
SHOES STRETCHING
FROM THE ENTRANCE
POINT AT THE
SECOND FLOOR
WINDOW, TO THE
EXIT BY THE
FRONT DOOR!

IS
THIS!

IS
THIS
...

ENOUGH
EVIDENCE
PROVING
THAT WERE IN
FACT 'THAT
MANY' MEN
FITTING THE
PROFILE,

FOR
YOU?!

I'M
SORRY,
THAT WAS
...

FURTHER
-MORE...

UM
...

Y...
YES
...

UM
...

YOU'RE
FRANTIC,
HUH...

WE HAVE THE
CIGARETTE
BUTTS.

DNA

X -----



MASANOBU --



WAKAKO --



INSPECTOR
AOKI -



THE DNA FROM THE
SALIVA COLLECTED
FROM THE
CIGARETTE ENDS
DIDN'T MATCH WITH
NEITHER OF
THE VICTIMS' OR
INSPECTOR
AOKI'S.

WHAT CAN BE
ASSUMED FROM
THAT PHYSICAL
EVIDENCE?

THAT THERE
WAS ANOTHER
MAN OVER 6FT
TALL!

IN THE SPAN
FROM 8:50 TO
9:00PM THE MAN
MURDERS THE
COUPLE WHO
JUST RETURNED,
SMOKES ON
THE CRIME
SCENE AND
LEAVES THE
SCRIBBLES
ON THE WALLS.

AROUND THAT TIME,
FROM 6:30 TO 8:10PM
BOTH THE VICTIMS
WERE STILL AT A
DINNER MEETING AT A
NEARBY HOTEL, AND
LEFT IT AT ABOUT
8:30PM.

THAT NIGHT,
ANOTHER TALL
MAN OTHER THAN
INSPECTOR AOKI
ENTERED THE
KURATSUJI HOUSE
THROUGH THE
WINDOW OF THE
2ND FLOOR.



MEANWHILE, AROUND 9:30 TWO CALLS WERE MADE FROM INSPECTOR AOKI TO HIS SISTER, AND BOTH TIMES THEY WERE PICKED UP AND IMMEDIATELY CUT OFF WITHOUT A WORD.

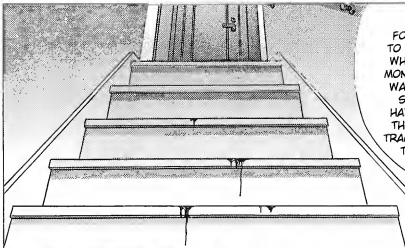
WE CONJECTURE IT WAS DONE BY THE MURDERER AFTER KILLING THE COUPLE IN ORDER TO LURE INSPECTOR AOKI TO THE HOUSE.



THEN HE TAKES OFF THE RAINCOAT SPLATTERED WITH THE VICTIMS' BLOOD, AND TOSSES IT INTO THE BABY BATH.




THERE ARE ALSO FOOTPRINTS LEADING TO THE SECOND FLOOR WHERE THE VICTIMS' 7 MONTHS OLD DAUGHTER WAS SLEEPING, BUT IT SEEMS SOMETHING HAPPENED THAT MADE THE MAN TURN IN HIS TRACKS AND RETURN TO THE FIRST FLOOR.





HE ESCAPED
THROUGH THE
FRONT DOOR
JUST BEFORE
INSPECTOR AOKI
ARRIVED AT THE
SCENE AT
10:00PM.



AROUND THAT
TIME, AT 9:55PM,
SOMEONE REPORTED
'LOUD NOISES
AND SOUNDS OF
FIGHTING' TO THE
POLICE FROM THE
PUBLIC PHONE
NEARBY.



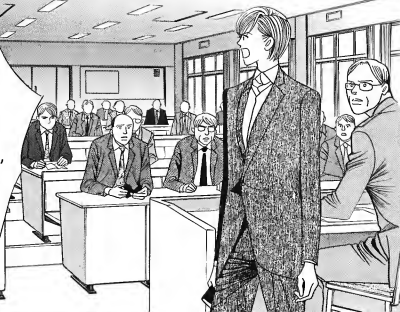
THE SMALL
TRACES OF
BLOOD FOUND
ON THE PHONE
BOOTH DOOR
MATCH THE
VICTIM'S!



THAT WAS ALSO
A PART OF THE
PLAN TO MAKE THE
POLICE IMMEDIATELY
ARREST INSPECTOR
AOKI!



ANYONE STILL DISAGREEING WITH THE INSPECTOR AOKI'S RELEASE, RAISE YOUR HAND AND SPEAK NOW!



INTRODUCE
YOURSELF WITH
A FULL NAME
AND RANK,
AND SPEAK!





THE INVESTIGATION FOCUS FROM NOW ON WILL BE FINDING INFORMATION ON THE 'SECOND 6FT TALL MAN, SHOE SIZE 13' AND POLICE LEGWORK SUCH AS GATHERING THE WITNESS' TESTIMONIES.

NOW THEN!

IT'S BEEN CONFIRMED THAT THE CURRENT CASE BEARS RESEMBLANCE IN BOTH THE CRIME-SCENE STATE AND MURDER PATTERN TO ANOTHER CASE INSPECTOR AOKI SUPERVISED AT 'THE NINTH' IN MARCH, THE 'HOUSEHOLD MASSACRE CASE'.

-I'LL TAKE THE SILENCE AS AN AGREEMENT.



THERE-FORE,

WHA ...

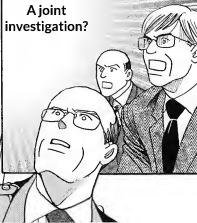


THE MRI INVESTIGATION WILL BE USED. ALONG WITH FINDING THE IDENTITY OF THE CULPRIT, THE INVESTIGATION WILL AIM TO ESTABLISH THE MOTIVE AND PURPOSE BEHIND THE CRIME THAT TARGETED INSPECTOR AOKI'S RELATIVES, AND ITS CONNECTION TO THE 'HOUSEHOLD MASSACRE CASE'!

FROM TODAY ONWARDS, 'THE MARRIAGE SLAUGHTERED IN EBISU CASE' WILL BECOME A JOINT INVESTIGATION BETWEEN THE SHIBUYA WARD POLICE AND THE SCIENTIFIC POLICE RESEARCH CENTER, THE NINTH LABORATORY OF LEGAL MEDICINE.



A joint investigation?

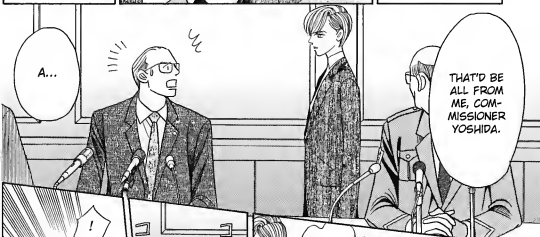


AFTER THE
MEETING WE
SHOULD
INTRODUCE THE
INDIVIDUAL WORK
DIVISION !

THERE
WON'T BE MUCH
CHANGE TO THE
INVESTIGATION
POLICY, BUT DUE
TO THE NEW
ORGANIZATION,

With that
'Ninth'?!



A...

THAT'D BE
ALL FROM
ME, COM-
MISSIONER
YOSHIDA.



LOOK,
THE
ORDER
OF THE
SEATS
ON THE
PLAT-
FORM!

EH?

H...HEY,
THAT
SEAT...



T...
THE
NEXT
...



THEN,
LIM...

YES
...

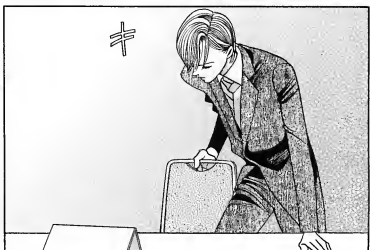
LIM...

SO...



!!

OH...!



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*Scientific Police Research Center,
the Ninth Laboratory of Legal Medicine Section Chief*

**Senior Superintendent
Maki Tsuyoshi**

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t
i
e

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*Scientific Police Research Center,
the Ninth Laboratory of Legal Medicine Section Chief*
**Senior Superintendent
Maki Tsuyoshi**

So
that's—



SIGN. THE MARRIAGE
SLAUGHTERED IN EBISU 3RD
WARD CASE HEADQUARTER

恵比寿三丁目夫婦惨殺事件

合同捜査本部



Then
...

The
Ninth's...



Then
eventually...

They'll watch
the brains
of those
two in the
investigation?

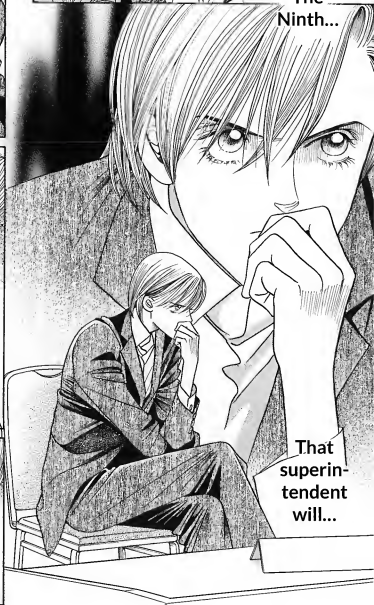




Maki-san...



The Ninth...



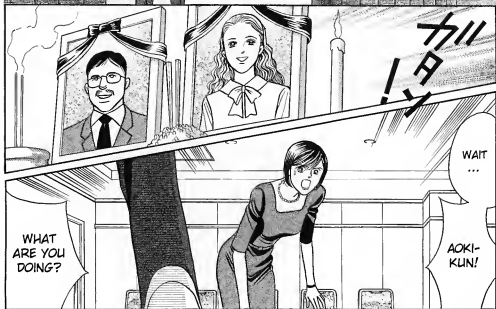
That superintendent will...

Still hasn't
gone amiss,
right...?

The world
you're
living in...



Still...



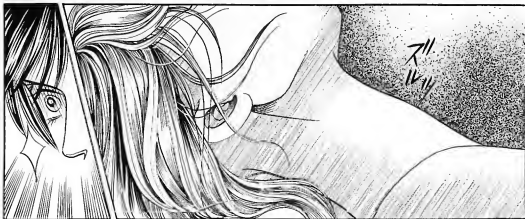


They're concealed
with make-up, but
there are two stab
wounds that easily
could have been
fatal...

Ooh,
so cute!

The size is just
perfect too!
Thank you,
Yukiko-san!

The 'Y'
shaped
scar
from an
autopsy
suture...





So
after
all...

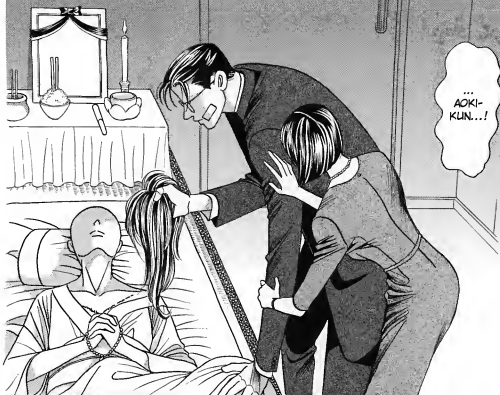


AOKI-
KUN...

These
suture
scars
on the
head...



That's!



...
AOKI-
KUN...!



ALRIGHT?

PUT IT
BACK...



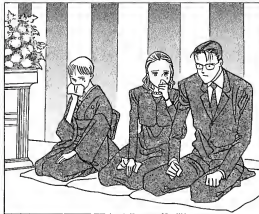
HEY
...

Hey...



YOU DON'T
WANT THE
MONK AND
YOUR
MOTHER TO
SEE HER
LIKE THAT,
RIGHT?

LET'S MAKE
YOUR SISTER
PRETTY
AGAIN...



You won't
take out dad's
brain to watch it,
right?



Ikkou!

Mom asked
me to ask
you...
Because of
your job...

Of course
I won't,
what were
you thinking!



Kou-chan!
Sit down!

What
are you
saying,
sis!

Ikkou!
Sit
down!



**IKKOU
-KUN!**

**IKKOU
-KUN!**

The
corpse...



Kou-
chan!

The
prayers!



**IKKOU
-KUN!**

The corpse should appear as much unharmed as possible.



We'll pay great attention to this. So please... Cooperate with our investigation...



We'll do our best not to hurt the body...

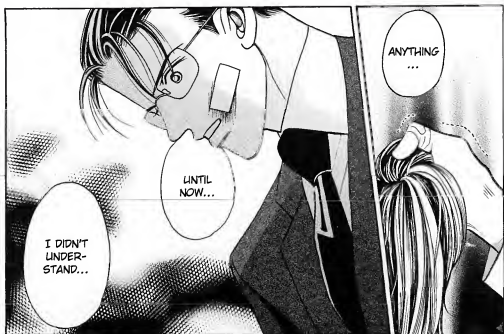


SAID SOME-THING LIKE THIS NOT KNOWING...

EVEN OKABE-SAN...

AOKI-KUN...?





*Please
take a
look!*

*Maki-
san!*

**AOKI-
KUN!**

カ^ッ
ン

*When
someone
dies,*

**AOKI-
KUN!**

*You always
come to take
his brain, huh?*

*When
someone
dies,*



So
many

....
....
...



*Like a
God of
death...*



*You did well
searching
out those
differences.*

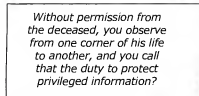


So many
many...

*Judging from the
poor quality of the
video, it's most
likely older than
5 years...*



*Shame-
less!*



*Without permission from
the deceased, you observe
from one corner of his life
to another, and you call
that the duty to protect
privileged information?*



*Under the
pretext
of work...*

*Compared to
what I've done,
what you're
doing now is
far more
dishonorable!*

*You
trash!*

AA...

AA...

S...
SIS...

AOKI-
KUN!

So
many,
many,
many...

S...
SIS...

AA...

SIS...

SIS...



Is it my
fault?

Is it
because
I used
people's
death,
it's sorrow
...



Everything
was taken
out of this
head...

But why
my sister,
why not
me?

Is it my
retribution
for not
considering
their
sacrifice?

AO—

Why my
sister and
brother-in-
law, who had
no blame?

A black and white collage of images. At the top left, a person is shown in a state of distress or pain, clutching their head. Below this, a person is lying in a hospital bed, appearing to be asleep or unconscious. To the right, a large, stylized hand is reaching out, with the text 'It hurts!' repeated three times. In the center, a date stamp reads '2062. 3月28日'. At the bottom left, a date stamp reads 'JUNE'. The overall composition suggests a narrative of suffering and a desire for escape.

It hurts!

It hurts!

It hurts!

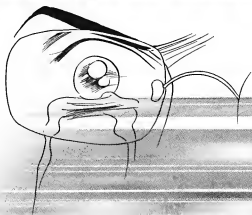
Some-
body!

No matter
how many
times I wake
up, I can't
escape from
this world
of MRI!



Someone
who's still
sane...









YOU'LL
TAKE AOKI
OFF THE
INVESTI-
GATION,
RIGHT?

YOU HAVE
TO TAKE
HIM OFF
THE
INVESTIGATION.

EVEN IF THE
SUSPICION
TOWARDS HIM
HAS CLEARED,
THE VICTIM WAS
HIS SECOND
DEGREE RELATIVE,
SO HE CANNOT
PARTICIPATE IN 'THE
MARRIAGE
SLAUGHTERED IN
EBISU' CASE.

I SEE,
THAT'S
GOOD.
YOU SEEM
SOFT ON
THE AOKI-
GUY, SO
I WAS
WORRIED.

I
KNOW.

YOU
WOULDN'T
LIKE THAT,
HM?

IF YOU
BROKE THE
REGULATIONS
, I'D HAVE TO
REPORT THAT
TO THE TOP
BRANCH...

UM,



IT SEEMS
OKABE-SAN
AND OTHERS
GOT THERE
FIRST SO
THEY'RE
WAITING.

IT'LL TAKE
ABOUT 10
MORE
MINUTES TO
GET TO THE
FUNERAL
VENUE.



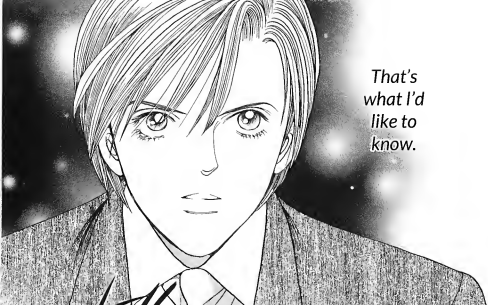
What is his
connection to
Aoki or the
series of
crimes?



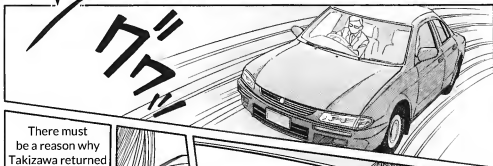
Yes. That's why I put you to
work together. He's been
hospitalized for three years
following the Kainuma case,
so nothing may come out at
first, but I'd like you to dig
deeper. I want to know if
there are any falsified
records. His birthplace,
ideology, anything.
Of course it's all confidential.



Takizawa-
san's
personal
history?



That's
what I'd
like to
know.



There must
be a reason why
Takizawa returned
at this timing.
No, even before...



Now...





What is his
connection to
Aoki or the
series of
crimes?



About a
personnel
change just
after the
'Cannibalism'
case.

Even four years
before when he
joined 'the Ninth',
there was
something
unnatural,



「もしも」

If...

If I'm
right...

If it's all
connected...



If...

The plan to
destroy Aoki
by targeting
his family,
is just to...



Then the
criminal's
aim...



Just to...



MAKI!

The aim of
this series
of crimes...



IT'S THE
FUNERAL,
COME ON.

WHAT
ARE YOU
STARTLED
ABOUT?
WE'RE
HERE,



喪主



OKABE-SAN?

How could I forget.



HE WAS JUST THERE....
HUH?

WHERE'S MAKI-SAN?



IT'S OK,
HE'S NOT A CHILD...
HE'S LIKE THAT,
OKABE-SAN.



UNO!



For Maki-san,
funerals are...



Amachi's...

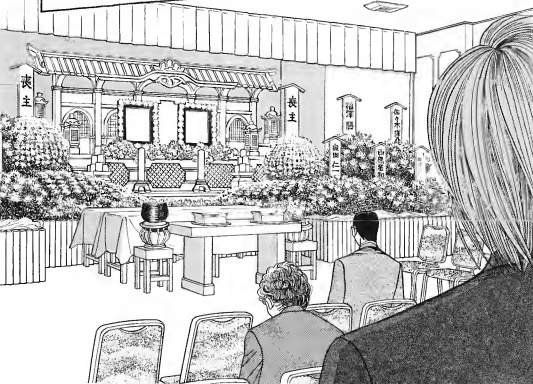


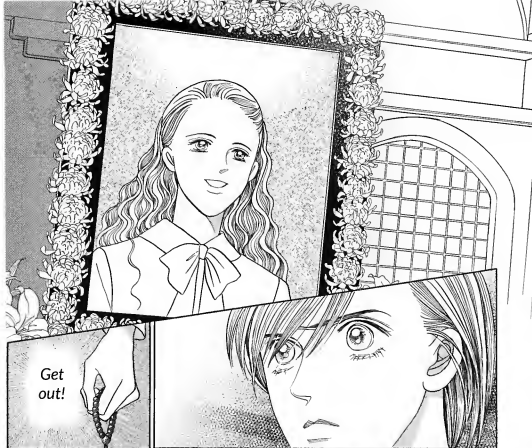
The two
subordinates
he lost during
the Kainuma
case...



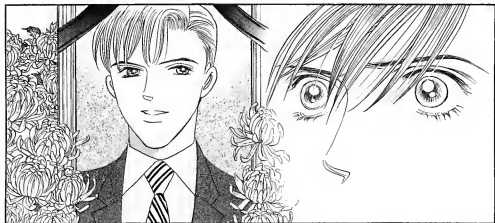


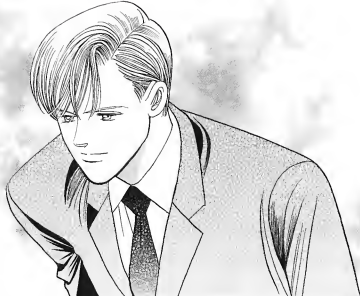
There's
no way
it's not
making
him
remember...



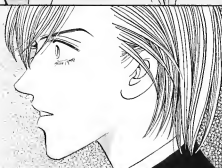


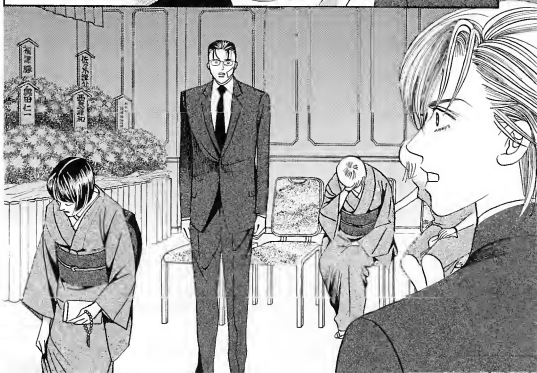
And don't
you set foot
in this house
ever again!



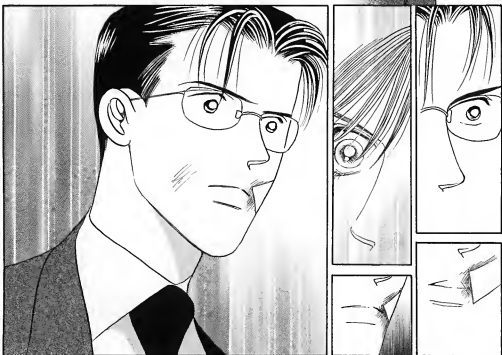


SUZU—

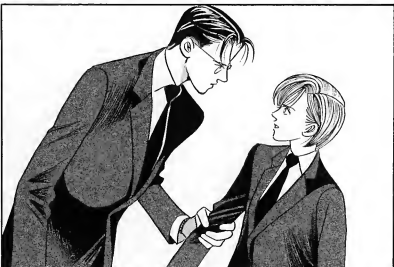


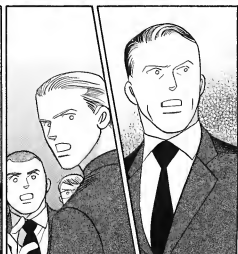
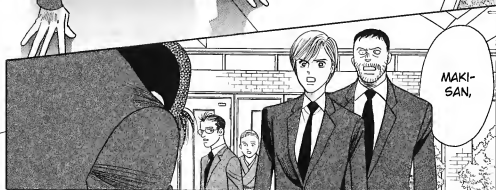
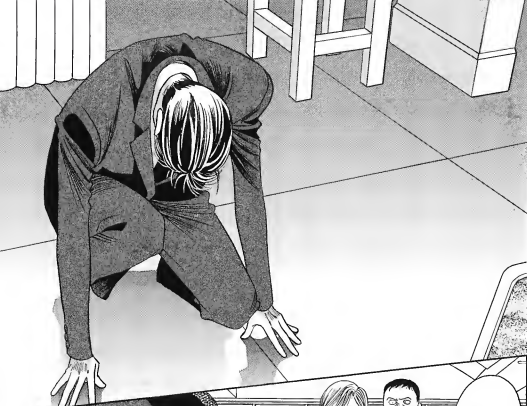
















I SAW
SISTER'S
BODY,

AFTER THE
BRAIN WAS
TAKEN OUT.



I'M FULLY
AWARE OF
THAT BUT
I'M STILL
ASKING
YOU!

I'M AWARE
THAT I'M ASKING
FOR THE IM-
POSSIBLE...

IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
WATCH MY
SISTER'S
BRAIN IN
'THE NINTH',

LET ME
IN TO THE
INVESTIGATION
OF HER
MURDERER!



PLEASE...

...I'M
BEGGING
YOU!



...Maki-
san
might
faint
there...

I
thought
...







YOU!

YOU!

YOU!!

IKKOU!

MADAM!

**BECAUSE
OF THAT
WORK OF
YOURS!**

MADAM!

**IT'S NOT
IKKOU-
SAN'S
FAULT!**

**EVEN
WAKAKO
GOT...**

**IT'S NOT
IKKOU-
SAN'S
FAULT.**

It hurt

**IT'S
YOUR
FAULT!**

**THAT
WAKA-
KO
WAS
...**



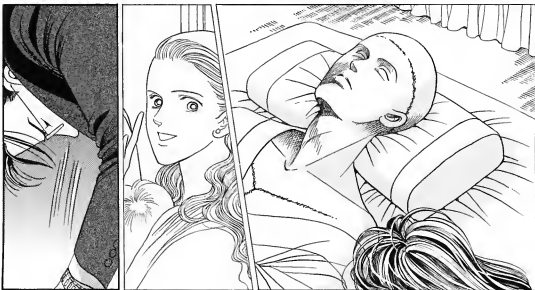
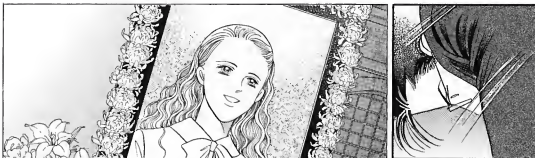
**It hurt,
It hurt!**

No matter
how many
times he
woke up,
to get out
of this
nightmare,

In this
world
gone
mad,



No matter what
punishment he
were to receive,





Aoki, silently taking his mother's
hard punches,

Didn't care how harsh the reproach,
or that no one understood.

In order to show that his decision could not
be bent,

To show his
strong resolve,
he didn't budge.



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